

The Bethel News.

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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1903.

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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

E. L. Harvey is at home from Bowdoin for the summer.

Miss Fannie Hastings returned from a visit in Auburn Wednesday.

Miss Louise Goudy is the guest for the week of Dr. and Mrs. Gehring.

Miss Mary Fuller of Roxbury, Mass., is staying with Mrs. L. T. Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jodrey are spending a few weeks at North Anson.

Miss E. E. Burnham has been spending a few days with friends in Norway.

Myrton Bryant, Bowdoin, '04, of Westbrook, visited relatives in Bethel Sunday.

Miss Minnie Godwin of Upton has been spending a few days with Mrs. Hiram Bean.

Mr. Sawtelle has removed to High street to live with his daughter, Mrs. Coolidge.

Mrs. Horace Andrews went to Buckfield, Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Decoster.

Mr. and Miss Weed left town on Tuesday for a week's visit with relatives at Rockland.

Harry Purington went to Andover, Mass., Tuesday, to visit his sister, Mrs. John Holt.

Miss Edith Skillings of West Bethel, spent last week with Dr. and Mrs. St. John Hastings.

A. C. Frost wishes to call your attention to the Buckeye Mowers, Rakes, and Toppers which he sells.

Miss Fannie Mason went to Portland Monday to have an outing of two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Greenleaf.

Rev. Dr. Flagg of Berlin, N. H., preached in the Congregational church last Sunday in exchange with Rev. C. N. Gleason.

Mr. George French of the Maine Farmer, is home from Augusta for a short vacation and is trying the trout with good success.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. C. Bisbee Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock instead of meeting at the home of Mrs. Andrews.

Mr. Geo. Bourne Farnsworth sails for Europe upon the Commonwealth on Thursday, July 2, joining Mr. Strobel in London.

Mr. Fred Merrill went to Rangley Tuesday morning where he will have charge of the Casino connected with the Lake House during the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Sturdivant went to Rumford Falls, Monday, to attend the Medical Association held there Monday. They returned Tuesday morning.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Philbrook Thursday afternoon. The members will respond to the roll-call with an anecdote in place of the usual quotations.

Miss Harriet Andrews who has spent the winter with Miss True, left Bethel on Tuesday for her home in Kansas City. She leaves friends among all who have met her.

Mr. George H. Shirley has arrived at the summer residence of his daughter, Mrs. Russell. Mr. Shirley has been a regular summer visitor to Bethel for more than thirty-five years and, always receives a hearty welcome from his Bethel friends.

The sad intelligence of the death of Helen Sophia Bennett, wife of James McLean of Woodville, N. H., which occurred at that place on the 27th inst., was received by her aunt, Mrs. Seth Mason of Northwest Bethel, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Mason and the mother and sister have the deepest sympathy in this their second recent affliction. Dora, an older sister of Mrs. McLean having been called to her Heavenly home, May 26. A devoted husband and a three-year-old daughter are left to mourn the loss of the young wife and mother, and although a stranger to Bethel people, they feel deep sympathy for Mr. McLean and his motherless little daughter.

Mr. Charles Cole was in Berlin, N. H., Friday.

Mrs. L. E. Allen of West Bethel, was in the village Friday.

Rev. F. C. Potter and son Frederick were in Berlin, N. H., Tuesday.

Mr. Howard Philbrook of Shelburne, N. H., was in town last week.

Miss Grace Mills and brother Francis visited friends in town Friday.

Mrs. Eva Fox goes to Orr's Island this week to spend two months.

Mrs. Palmer of Brunswick is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Sturdivant.

Mr. Dana Philbrook and daughter Ernestine were in Berlin, N. H., Thursday.

Miss Sadie Mason returned Saturday from Machiasport where she has been teaching.

Miss Ada Cole of Stark, N. H., is the guest of her uncle, Mr. Orrin Ellingwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jordan visited Mr. Jordan's sister at North Waterford Sunday.

Miss Fannie Carter is spending her summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mr. Harry Allen of Portland, has been spending a short vacation at Mr. Milton Penley's.

Claude Mills of Portland, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation with friends and relatives in town.

Miss Alice Wight of Gorham, N. H., was the guest of her brother, Dr. I. H. Wight over Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. E. L. Arno Thursday afternoon, July 2. Followed by a missionary meeting at four o'clock.

Mr. William Sturdivant who has been visiting in town, went to Cumberland Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Harvey spent Monday night as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mason, North West Bethel.

Miss Diana Wight, Mrs. Mina Harriman and son Irving are visiting their brother in Gorham, N. H.

Miss Alice Twitchell returned to Augusta yesterday, after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. S. I. French.

Mr. C. C. Bryant has purchased the O. F. Twitchell place at Riverside, Bethel, and the same is for sale or to let by Mr. Bryant.

All resident students who purpose entering the Academy this fall are reminded of the examination to be held at the Grammar school building July 3.

Miss Bertha Narten left Bethel on Tuesday to join her mother in Boston, who comes from a visit at Williams College with her sons, to see Mr. Carl Narten off for Europe. Miss Narten will be greatly missed in Bethel, as during her two years' connection with the family, church, Academy, and social life she has greatly endeared herself to a large circle.

The sad news came to Dr. Sturdivant yesterday of the death of his brother, William T. Sturdivant, in a hospital at Danville, Virginia. For about ten days Mr. Sturdivant had been sick of typhoid fever which resulted in his death last Sunday. Dr. Sturdivant went to Boston Monday night to bring the remains to Gray, where interment will be made. Much sympathy is expressed for the family on which this sorrow has come without warning as it was not known that Mr. Sturdivant was sick until the telegram came announcing his death.

Edward King, Bethel's antique, printing and up-to-date jeweler, has added a novel feature to his stock in the way of Bethel souvenirs. The goods include numerous articles in burnt leather, such as wallets, portemonnaies, mats, calendars, card-cases, etc., also carved wood articles, such as jewelry boxes, match boxes, manicure sets, clocks, etc., etc. He also has a variety of Indian goods and novelties of all sorts and descriptions. Everything has been selected with an eye to usefulness which coupled with the fact that the prices are exceedingly reasonable will certainly insure a ready sale.

Graduation at the Grammar School.

On Thursday afternoon, June 25, a most delightful hour was spent with the Primary department of our Public school, enjoying the decorations and the exercises by the children of that department. The whole arrangement did great credit to the sweet-faced teacher who seemed to have the utmost confidence and love of all the little ones.

On Friday afternoon at two o'clock in the room of the Grammar grade, occurred the graduation exercises of the Senior Class who are now supposed to be fitted for entrance to the Academy in the coming autumn.

The parts rendered by the seven boys (or ought we to say young men?) were original and were a surprise to us because of the talent shown in their preparation. We are sure that all the arrangements for these exercises would challenge the admiration of the classes who graduated this year from the higher institutions.

The singing by the girls of the undergraduate classes was worthy of much praise. The pianist of the occasion, Miss Haggood, showed musical talent.

A graduating class composed entirely of boys is unusual. They seemed equal to the occasion and appeared to rejoice that they were able to do credit to the school without the aid of the other sex, at least so far as class parts went.

We congratulate the boys of the class of 1903 on their success, but trust the future classes may have a better proportion of girls.

That the "power behind the throne" had to do largely with the success of the hour, both in immediate assistance and in months of previous training, we are very sure.

How wise the teacher who so trains those committed to his or her charge that at a critical hour they can safely be thrown upon their own resources!

We feel sure that all appreciate the faithful and successful work done by Miss Gibson in this room and in her charge as principal of the school.

If we could have visited the other rooms we should undoubtedly have found the same interesting and encouraging conditions and evidences of faithful work.

A large number of visitors were present at all the exercises which we attended, showing the interest the parents and citizens are taking in the very valuable school privileges furnished in this village. The most of these "citizens" it is true, were ladies, and the absence of the fathers, while deplored, is probably accounted for in part by the pressure of business, though not entirely.

Eight Girls from Classes II and III Salutatory—Success
Music—Violets by Classes II and III Class Motto—Step by Step.

Juliaaby, Class History, School Songs, Class Prophecy, Class Will, Edwin Bartlett, School Songs, Classes II and III Class Gifts, Harlan Bean Valedictory—Builders, Shirley Smith Piano Solo, Mildred Haggood
At the conclusion of the class parts, Rev. Frank C. Potter in well chosen remarks presented the diplomas to the class and the exercises were closed.

The Schools.

Following is the list of the pupils who were not absent one half day:

Miss Twaddle's room, Carrie Rollins, Ivan Arno, Lula Cummings, Roland Marsden, Blanche Richardson, Ida Packard, Irving Harriman, Ruby Perkins.
Absent one half day, Delmer Swan, Gard Twaddle.
Miss Clark's room, Ernest Bowler, Ara Burgess, Chester Cummings, Hazel Douglass, Dorris Frost, Elmon Jordan, Ray Lapham, Edith Marsden, Guy Morgan, Carroll Valentine, Stanley York, Bertie Grover, Gladys Grover.
Miss Richardson's room, Arnold Abbott, Hazel Arno, Llewellyn Bartlett, Harold Chandler, Francis Chandler, Earl Cummings, Roy Cummings, Marion Frost, Frederick Potter, Percy Robertson, Philip Smith, George Stowell, Earl Stowell, Gladys Sparring, Fred Taylor, Harry Williamson, Earl Williamson.

One half day, Margaret Herrick, Mamie Lapham, Henry Lapham, One day, Ray Cummings, Madeline Durkee, Agnes Heath, Margaret Herrick.

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes.

Sabbath, June 28, was a most beautiful day and agreeable to church-goers. Comparatively large congregations were in attendance. At the afternoon service at Mason nearly sixty persons were present, an unusually large number.

At the evening service at the home church, the subject of both the Epworth League meeting and the pastor's service which followed was "Medical Missions." The missionary interest seems increasing.

The joint Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., and the W. H. M. S. has re-organized with Mrs. Kendall of Mason street as president.

Next Sabbath, July 5th, will be observed as Children's Day. At 10:45 a. m., a sermon to the children. All parents are urged to bring their children and enjoy the day together with them. At the usual Sunday School session, a part of the service will be observed as "Decision Day." At seven o'clock a concert by the children and youth, to which everyone will be very welcome.

The Epworth League Convention of Lewiston District will be held at South Paris July 8 and 9. At least four members of our chapter will go, and if there are others who plan to, will they please notify the president, Mrs. Eva Fox, or the secretary, Miss Ethel M. Morse, at once. The delegation will go on the 9 o'clock train from Bethel, banners flying. All aboard, Epworthians, for the convention!

The pastor is struggling to cover his entire circuit with personal visits, and though the field is so large, he hopes to be able to complete the rounds within the first half of the conference year. Will his parishioners please be patient?

The pastor is to preach at West Bethel next Sabbath, at Locke's Mills, July 12, and at Mason July 19. All persons interested please take notice of the change in the order of arrangement.

At West Bethel, Sabbath, July 5, the subject of the sermon will be—The Ideal Nation—the same as delivered at Bethel and Mason last Sabbath.

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Notice.

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Mrs. VIRGIL P. ADAMSON,
Bethel, Me., June 28, 1903.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our appreciation and heart-felt thanks to all the neighbors and friends for kindness, sympathy and helpfulness during the illness and death of our father.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect June 14, 1903.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.20	6.30	1.15
Gorham,	3.21	8.20	2.58
Bethel, arrive,	3.45	8.55	3.18
Bethel, leave,	3.57	8.47	3.28
Lookes Mills,	4.05	8.53	3.37
Bryan Pond,	4.22	9.05	3.53
South Paris,	4.31	9.30	4.20
Lewiston,	5.50	10.30	5.10
Portland, arrive,	6.40	11.15	5.45
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10	
Boston, via boat,			3.00

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	3.15	1.30	8.30
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	9.20
South Paris,	10.00	3.38	10.15
Bryan Pond,	10.28	4.20	10.45
Lookes Mills,	10.35	4.28	10.53
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.38	11.03
West Bethel,	10.54	4.46	11.10
Gilead,	11.05	4.57	11.22
Gorham,	11.30	5.40	11.50
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50	1.60
Montreal,	6.50		7.20
Toronto,	7.15		4.50
Chicago,	8.45		7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4:05 A. M., East and 11:03 P. M., West, runs every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 8:30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 11:14 A. M., and at Bethel, 12:15 P. M. Returning leaves Bethel at 4:00 P. M., Bethel, 5:05 P. M.

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THE LIGHT
THAT FAILED

By Rudyard Kipling

"As far as I can gather," he said, coughing, above the spirit, "you call it decay of the optic nerve, or something, and therefore hopeless. What is my time limit, avoiding all strain and worry?"

"Perhaps one year."

"My God! And if I don't take care of myself?"

"I really could not say. One cannot ascertain the exact amount of injury inflicted by the sword cut. The scar is an old one, and exposure to the strong light of the desert, did you say—with excessive application to fine work? I really could not say."

"I beg your pardon, but it has come without any warning. If you will let me, I'll sit here for a minute, and then I'll go. You have been very good in telling me the truth. Without any warning—without any warning. Thanks."

Dick went into the street and was rapturously received by Binkie. "We're got it very badly, little dog; just as badly as we can get it. We'll go to the park to think it out."

They headed for a certain tree that Dick knew well, and they sat down to think, because his legs were trembling under him, and there was cold fear at the pit of his stomach.

"How could it have come without any warning? It's as sudden as being shot. It's the living death, Binkie. We're to be shut up in the dark in one year if we're careful, and we shan't see anybody, and we shall never have anything we want, not though we live to be a hundred." Binkie wagged his tail joyously. "Binkie, we must think. Let's see how it feels to be blind." Dick shut his eyes, and flaming comets and Catherine wheels floated inside the lids. Yet when he looked across the park the scope of his vision was not contracted. He could see perfectly until a procession of slow wheeling fireworks defied across his eyeballs.

"Little dorgiums, we aren't at all well. Let's go home. If only Torp were back now!"

Now, Torpenhow was in the south of England inspecting dockyards in the company of the Nilghai. His letters were brief and full of mystery.

Dick had never asked anybody to help him in his joys or his sorrows. He argued, in the loneliness of the studio, henceforward to be decorated with a film of gray gauze in one corner, that if his fate were blindness all the Torpenhows in the world could not save him. "I can't call him off his trip to sit down and sympathize with me. I must pull through the business alone," he said.

He was lying on the sofa eating his mustache and wondering what the darkness of the night would be like. Then came to his mind the memory of a quiet scene in the Sudan. A soldier had been nearly hacked in two by a broad-bladed Arab spear. For one instant the man felt no pain. Looking down, he saw that his lifeblood was going from him.

The stupid bewilderment on his face was so intensely comic that both Dick and Torpenhow, still panting and unstrung from a fight for life, had roared with laughter, in which the man seemed as if he would join, but as his lips parted in a sheepish grin the agony of death came upon him, and he pitched grunting at their feet. Dick laughed again, remembering the horror. It seemed so exactly like his own case. "But I have a little more time allowed me," he said. He paced up and down the room, quietly at first, but afterward with the hurried feet of fear. It was as though a black shadow stood at his elbow and urged him to go forward, and there were only weaving circles and floating pin dots before his eyes.

"We must be calm, Binkie; we must be calm." He talked aloud for the sake of distraction. "This isn't nice at all. What shall we do? We must do something. Our time is short. I shouldn't have believed that this morning, but now things are different, Binkie. Where was Moses when the light went out?"

Binkie smiled from ear to ear, as a well-bred, terrier should, but made no suggestion.

"Were there but world enough and time, this coyness, Binkie, were no crime. But at my back I always hear—" He wiped his forehead, which was unpleasantly damp. "What can I do? What can I do? I haven't any notions left, and I can't think coherently, but I must do something, or I shall go off my head."

The hurried walk recommenced, Dick stopping every now and again to drag forth long neglected canvases and old notebooks, for he turned to his work by instinct as a thing that could not fail. "You won't do, and you won't do," he said at each inspection. "No. Sudden death comes home too early, and this is battle and murder both for me."

The day was falling, and Dick thought for a moment that the twilight of the blind had come upon him unawares. "Allah Almighty," he cried despairingly, "help me through the time of waiting, and I won't whine when my punishment comes! What can I do now before the light goes?"

There was no answer. Dick waited till he could regain some sort of control over himself. His hands were shaking, and he prided himself on his steadiness; he could feel that his lips were quivering, and the sweat was running down his face. He was lashed

by fear, driven forward by the desire to get to work at once and accomplish something, and maddened by the refusal of his brain to do more than repeat the news that he was about to go blind. "It's a humiliating exhibition," he thought, "and I'm glad Torp isn't here to see. The doctor said I was to avoid mental worry. Come here and let me pet you, Binkie."

The little dog yelped because Dick nearly squeezed the bark out of him. Then he heard the man speaking in the twilight, and, doglike, understood that his trouble stood off from him.

"Allah is good, Binkie. Not quite so gentle as we could wish, but we'll discuss that later. I think I see my way



"Is that you?" said Torpenhow.

to it now. All those studies of Bessie's head were nonsense, and they nearly brought your master into a scrape. I hold the notion now as clear as crystal—"the Melancolia that transcends all wit." There shall be Maisie in that head, because I shall never get Maisie; and Bess, of course, because she knows all about Melancolia, though she doesn't know she knows; and there shall be some drawing in it and it shall all end up with a laugh. That's for myself. Shall she giggle or grin? No, she shall laugh right out of the canvas, and every mau and woman that ever had a sorrow of their own shall—what is it the poem says?

"Understand the speech and feel a stir of fellowship in all disastrous fight. 'In all disastrous fight? That's better than palting the thing merely to plique Maisie. I can do it now because I have it inside me. Binkie, I'm going to hold you up by your tail. You're an omen. Come here."

Binkie swung head downward for a moment without speaking.

"Rather like holding a guinea pig. But you're a brave little dog, and you don't yelp when you're maltreated. It is an omen."

Binkie went to his own chair, and as often as he looked saw Dick walking up and down, rubbing his hands and chuckling. That night Dick wrote a letter to Maisie full of the tenderest regard for her health, but saying very little about his own, and dreamed of the Melancolia to be born. Not till morning did he remember that something might happen to him in the future.

He fell to work, whistling softly, and was swallowed up in the clean, clear joy of creation, which does not come to man too often lest he should consider himself the equal of his God and so refuse to die at the appointed time. He forgot Maisie, Torpenhow and Binkie at his feet, but remembered to stir Bessie, who needed very little stirring, into a tremendous rage that he might watch the smoldering lights in her eyes. He threw himself without reservation into his work and did not think of the doom that was to overtake him, for he was possessed with his notion, and the things of the world had no power upon him.

"You're pleased today," said Bessie. Dick waved his mahlstick in mystic circles and went to the sideboard for a drink. In the evening, when the exultation of the day had died down, he went to the sideboard again, and after some visits became convinced that the eye doctor was a liar, since he still could see everything clearly. He was of opinion that he would even make a home for Maisie, and that whether she liked it or not she should be his wife. The mood passed next morning, but the sideboard and all upon it remained for his comfort.

Again he set to work, and his eyes troubled him with spots and dashes and blurs till he had taken counsel with the sideboard, and the Melancolia both on the canvas and in his own mind appeared lovelier than ever. There was a delightful sense of irresponsibility upon him, such as they feel who, walking among their fellow men, know that the death sentence of disease is upon them and, since fear is but waste of the little time left, are riotously happy.

The days passed without event. Bessie arrived punctually always, and though her voice seemed to Dick to come from a distance, her face was always very near, and the Melancolia began to flame on the canvas in the likeness of a woman who had known all the sorrow in the world and was laughing at it. It was true that the corners of the studio draped themselves in gray film and retired into the darkness, that the spots in his eyes

and the pains across his head were very troublesome, and that Maisie's letters were hard to read and harder still to answer.

He could not tell her of his trouble, and he could not laugh at her accounts of her own Melancolia, which was always going to be finished. But the furious days of toil and the night of wild dreams made amends for all, and the sideboard was his best friend on earth. Bessie was singularly dull. She used to shriek with rage when Dick stared at her between half closed eyes. Now she sulked or watched him with disgust, saying very little.

Torpenhow had been absent six weeks. An incoherent note-heralded his return. "News! Great news!" he said.

"The Nilghai knows, and so does the Kenon. We're all back on Thursday. Get lunch and clean your accouterments."

Dick showed Bessie the letter, and she abused him for that he had ever sent Torpenhow away and ruined her life.

"Well," said Dick brutally, "you're better as you are instead of making love to some drunken beast in the street." He felt that he had rescued Torpenhow from great temptation.

"I don't know if that's any worse than sitting to a drunken beast in a studio. You haven't been sober for three weeks. You've been soaking the whole time, and yet you pretend you're better than me!"

"What d'you mean?" said Dick. "Mean! You'll see when Mr. Torpenhow comes back."

It was not long to wait. Torpenhow met Bessie on the staircase without a sign of feeling. He had news that was more to him than many Bessies, and the Kenon and the Nilghai were tramping behind him, calling for Dick.

"Drinking like a fish," Bessie whispered. "He's been at it for nearly a month." She followed the men stealthily to hear judgment done.

They came into the studio rejoicing to be welcomed overfervently by a drawn, lined, shrunken, haggard wreck—nshaven, blue white about the nostrils, stooping in the shoulders and peering under his eyebrows nervously. The drink had been at work as steadily as Dick.

"Is that you?" said Torpenhow. "All that's left of me. Sit down. Binkie's quite well, and I've been doing some good work." He reeled where he stood.

"You've done some of the worst work you've ever done in your life. Man alive, you're—"

Torpenhow turned to his companions appealingly, and they left the room to find lunch elsewhere. Then he spoke, but since the reproach of a friend is much too sacred and intimate a thing to be printed, and since Torpenhow used figures and metaphors which were unseemly, and contempt untranslatable, it will never be known what was actually said to Dick, who blinked and winked and picked at his hands. After a time the culprit began to feel the need of a little self respect. He was quite sure that he had not in any way departed from virtue, and there were reasons, too, of which Torpenhow knew nothing. He would explain.

He rose, tried to straighten his shoulders, and spoke to the face he could hardly see.

"You are right," he said. "But I am right too. After you went away I had some trouble with my eyes. So I went to an oculist, and he turned a gasogene—I mean a gas engine—into my eye. That was very long ago. He said, 'Scar on the head—sword cut and optic nerve.' Make a note of that. So I am going blind. I have some work to do before I go blind, and I suppose that I must do it. I cannot see much now, but I can see best when I am drunk. I did not know I was drunk till I was told, but I must go on with my work. If you want to see it, there it is." He pointed to the all but completed Melancolia and looked for applause.

Torpenhow said nothing, and Dick began to whimper feebly for joy at seeing Torpenhow again, for grief at misdeeds, if indeed they were misdeeds, that made Torpenhow remote and unsympathetic, and for childish vanity hurt, since Torpenhow had not given a word of praise to his wonderful picture.

Bessie looked through the keyhole after a long pause and saw the two walking up and down as usual, Torpenhow's hand on Dick's shoulder. Hereat she said something so improper that it shocked even Binkie, who was dripping patiently on the landing with the hope of seeing his master again.

CHAPTER IX.

The lark will make her hymn to God, The partridge call her brood, While I forget the heath I trod, The fields wherein I stood.

"This dule to know not night from morn, But deeper dule to know I can but hear the hunter's horn That once I used to blow."

—The Only Son.

It was the third day after Torpenhow's return, and his heart was heavy.

"Do you mean to tell me that you can't see without whisky? It's generally the other way about."

"Can a drunkard swear on his honor?" said Dick.

"Yes, if he has been as good a man as you."

"Then I give my word of honor," said Dick, speaking hurriedly through parched lips. "Old man, I can hardly see your face now. You've kept me sober for two days—if I ever was drunk—and I've done no work. Don't keep me back any more. I don't know when my eyes may give out. The spots and dots and the pains and things are crowding worse than ever. I swear I can't see all right when I'm when I'm moderately screwed, as you say. Give me three more sittings from Bessie and all the stuff I want, and the picture will be done. I can't kill myself in three days. It only means a touch of D. T. at the worst."

"If I give you three days more, will you promise me to stop work and—the other thing, whether the picture's finished or not?"

"I can't. You don't know what that picture means to me. But surely you could get the Nilghai to help me, and knock me down and tie me up. I shouldn't fight for the whisky, but I should for the work."

"Go on, then. I give you three days, but you're nearly breaking my heart."

Dick returned to his work, tolling as one possessed. And the yellow devil of whisky stood by him and chased away the spots in his eyes. The Melancolia was nearly finished and was all or nearly all that he hoped she would be. Dick jested with Bessie, who reminded him that he was "a drunken beast." But the reproach did not move him.

"You can't understand, Bess. We are in sight of land now, and soon we shall lie back and think about what we've done. I'll give you three months' pay when the picture's finished, and next time I have any more work in hand—but that doesn't matter. Won't three months' pay make you hate me less?"

"No, it won't! I hate you, and I'll go on hating you. Mr. Torpenhow won't speak to me any more. He's always looking at map things and red backed books."

Bessie did not say that she had again laid siege to Torpenhow or that he had at the end of her passionate pleading picked her up, given her a kiss and put her outside the door with a recommendation not to be a little fool. He spent most of his time in the company of the Nilghai, and their talk was of war in the near future, the hiring of transports and secret preparations among the dockyards. He did not care to see Dick till the picture was finished.

"He's doing first class work," he said to the Nilghai, "and it's quite out of his regular line. But for the matter of that, so's his infernal drinking."

"Never mind. Leave him alone. When he has come to his senses again we'll carry him off from this place and let him breathe clean air. Poor Dick! I

don't envy you, Torp, when his eyes fail."

"Yes, it will be a case of 'God help the man who's chained to our Davie.' The worst is that we don't know when it will happen, and I believe the uncertainty and the waiting have sent Dick to the whisky more than anything else."

"How the Arab who cut his head open would grin if he knew!"

"He's at perfect liberty to grin if he can. He's dead. That's poor consolation now."

In the afternoon of the third day Torpenhow heard Dick calling for him. "All finished!" he shouted. "I've done it. Come in! Isn't she a beauty? Isn't she a darling? I've been down to hell to get her, but isn't she worth it?"

Torpenhow looked at the head of a woman and laughed—a full lipped, hollow eyed woman who laughed from out of the canvas as Dick had intended she should.

"Who taught you how to do it?" said Torpenhow. "The touch and notion have nothing to do with your regular work. What a face it is! What eyes and what insolence!" Unconsciously he threw back his head and laughed with her. "She's seen the game played out. I don't think she had a good time of it—and now she doesn't care. Isn't that the idea?"

"Exactly."

"Where did you get the mouth and chin from? They don't belong to Bess."

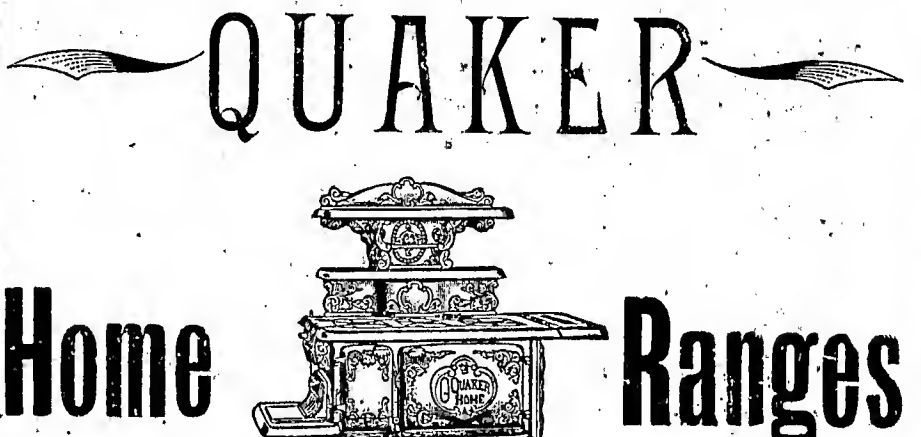
"They're some one else's. But isn't it good? Isn't it thundering good? Wasn't it worth the whisky? I did it. Alone I did it, and it's the best I can do. He drew his breath sharply and whispered: "Just God! What could I not do ten years hence if I can do this now! By the way, what do you think of it, Bess?"

The girl was biting her lips. She loathed Torpenhow because he had taken no notice of her.

"I think it's just the horriddest, beastliest thing I ever saw," she answered, and turned away.

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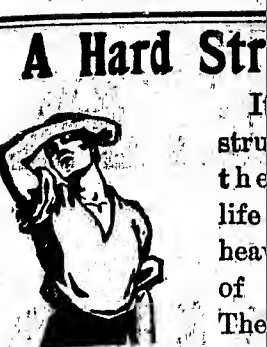
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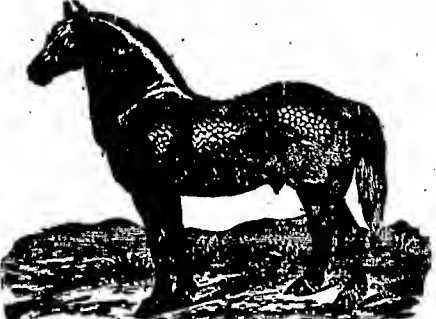


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was six months old, Miss Frances Jane
Crosby, as she is generally called,
though her real name is Mrs. Alexan-
der Van Alstyne, has written more
than 5,000 hymns, many of them
known all over the world. And though
she is now eighty-three years old, rather
feeble and totally blind, she still
travels to evangelistic meetings in var-
ious cities and gives readings and lec-
tures. Her home is in Bridgeport,
Conn.

Among the most famous gospel
hymns written by Miss Crosby are
those beginning "Safe In the Arms of
Jesus," "Pass Me Not, Oh, Gentle
Saviour," "All the Way My Saviour
Leads Me" and "I Am Thine, O Lord;
I Have Heard Thy Voice."

Save for the heavy green glasses she
is compelled to wear there is little in
Miss Crosby's manner while lecturing
to indicate her sightlessness. "Hymn
writing is my life work," says Miss
Crosby, "and I cannot tell you what
pleasure I derive from it. I believe I
would not live a year if my work were



MISS FRANCES JANE CROSBY.

taken from me. A great many people
sympathize with me, but, although I
am grateful to them, I really don't
need their sympathy. What would I
do with it?"

Miss Crosby has never learned to
read the raised letters which most
blind persons learn nowadays, nor can
she write at all except when her hand
is guided. The marvelous hymns
which have echoed from one end of the
country to the other wherever Metho-
dism lifted its banners have been writ-
ten down by any one who happened to
be at hand, and consequently her origi-
nal manuscripts are in many varieties
of handwriting.

But to compensate her for what she
has missed in life Miss Crosby has two
remarkable faculties. She can make
admirable verses at any time without a
moment's hesitation. She has also a
wonderful memory. The Bible, which
has been read to her from childhood,
she knows as few persons do now-
adays and can recite passages appro-
priate to any occasion, giving verse
and chapter.

Miss Crosby possesses a keen mind, a
fine sense of humor and an acute ap-
preciation of human nature. She says
that she judges most persons by the
voice rather than by the touch of their
hands.

"Beware of the too smooth voice,"
says Miss Crosby, "but beware also of
those which have no tenderness at all."

Useful Asbestos.

Nearly all housekeepers have several
tin edged asbestos mats, which are de-
signed purposely for use in the range
beneath saucepans and other cooking
utensils, but perhaps there are many
people who do not realize to how many
other uses in the household asbestos
may be subjected. It comes in sheets
a yard or more in width and of any
desired length. When bought by the
quantity, it is very cheap, so cheap that
10 cents will buy several square feet
of the material, which may be easily
cut to fit the place it is needed to fill.

In place of the ready made pads for
protecting polished tables a strip of as-
bestos bought by the yard and cut the
proper length makes a good covering.
When no lining or pad is used on a table,
a small square of the material
placed beneath the cloth where the cof-
feepot and teapot stand will save the
table from white marks that a tile is
usually unable to prevent.

All dolles used on a polished table
without a cloth should have inner lin-
ings, so that an asbestos mat can be
slipped in between.

A square of asbestos kept for a rest
and also to rub off the flatiron when in
use prevents all scorching of the iron-
ing sheet. When the range or any other
heating apparatus comes too close
to the wall and there is danger from
fire, a strip of the material placed be-
tween will remove all cause of anxiety.
In houses without hot and cold water
fixtures it is a good plan to slip a piece
beneath the washstand cover for the
hot water pitcher.—Cincinnati Commer-
cial Tribune.

Five o'clock Tea.

The serving of 5 o'clock tea is sim-
ply offering an afternoon caller a cup
of tea, generally brewed by the hostess
as they chat. For this purpose have a
small round table covered with the
daintiest and prettiest cloth you pos-
sess. On it have your small china tea-

pot, cream and sugar bowl, a saucer or
cut glass dish for slices of lemon, your
collection of dainty teacups and sau-
cers and prettiest silver spoons and
sugar tongs. Have a tea caddy filled
with your choicest mixture of tea and
a steaming kettle of highly polished
silver, copper or brass. These tiny ket-
tles with alcohol burners underneath
are called 5 o'clock tea kettles. A sil-
ver tea ball is a great convenience for
5 o'clock tea where one or two cups
are made for friends who drop in. The
ball holding the tea is placed in the
cup and the boiling water poured over
it, the ball being removed when the tea
is of the right color. If you cannot
provide these conveniences, you can
have your tea brought in fresh from
the kitchen and poured from the small
table. Some guests prefer to drink
their tea Russian style—that is, with
lemon instead of cream; hence it is
best to provide lemon.

Baby Culture.

Never trot baby about, coming down
sharply on your heels. Never make
sudden and sharp noises to amuse him.
Never swing him rapidly either in his
cot or in your arms. Never forget that
what baby puts in his mouth must be
absolutely clean, or it may endanger
his health. So keep his india rubber
"pipe," if he has one, as scrupulously
clean as you keep his feeding bottle.
Never needlessly put your finger in his
mouth. Never encourage him to eat
by taking little portions from his spoon.
Never give him an empty feeding bot-
tle to keep him quiet or a meal before
the time for it has come. Never for-
get that baby sometimes cries from
thirst and that a teaspoonful of cold
water will then make him happy and
do him good.

Home Atmosphere.

Cultivate "the sweet flower of courtes-
y," as George Eliot terms it. What-
ever other plant you may have indoors
or out to beautify the home and delight
the eye, cultivate at all seasons the
sweet flower of courtesy. In her story
of "Silas Marner," where she describes
the oldquire and his breakfast hour,
she wrote, "There was no pleasant
morning greeting between them, not
because of any unfriendliness, but be-
cause the sweet flower of courtesy is
not a growth of such homes as the
Red House." Courtesy and cheerfulness
are two primary elements necessary
to the making of a bright and
sweet atmosphere in our homes.

Let the Child Help.

Never should the mother through
that foolish desire to keep her child as
long as possible dependent upon her or
that worse pride which would show it
self to be self sufficient refuse the pro-
ffered help of her child. If she is doing
something in which from the nature of
things he cannot share, let her be care-
ful to substitute some other loving
service while declining the one pro-
ffered, remembering that love turned
away nourishes selfishness and pro-
ffered help refused begets idleness. She
may have to say, "No, dear, you cannot
sweep the floor," but she can add, "You
may hand mamma the broom."—House-
hold.

Fencing For Women.

Those who have seen women who
are expert fencers recognize that it is
an extremely graceful amusement.
Many ladies are taking fencing lessons.
Strength of leg is necessary as well
as of wrist and much activity. But it
is a most admirable exercise, improv-
ing the figure and developing the mus-
cles, and it is worthy to be made an
art. It is not only physical strength
that is required for this amusement,
but keenness of the eye and dexterity
and action are necessary.

The Reading Lamp.

A good reading lamp is one of the
necessities of life. An artistic and only
moderately expensive lamp may be
made by slipping a plain metal lamp
into a terra cotta jar such as are used
by florists to display carnations, tulips
or hyacinths. A knotted covering of
uncolored raffia improves the jar and
harmonizes well with the Japanese
lamp shade, green and white, with a
touch of scarlet which crowns the
whole.

Using an Oil Stove.

If you want an oil stove to burn
without giving out an unpleasant odor,
clean and refill it every time after
using. If you allow dirt and oil to ac-
cumulate on it, it is sure to smell un-
pleasant. Always turn the wick down
low before putting it out and leave it
turned down till the stove is again
needed. If the wick is turned high, it
draws the oil up, and so it spreads
over the outside.

Shell Portiere.

An exceptionally pretty portiere is
made by stringing the pearl shells,
such as lamp shades are made of, and
letting the strings hang loose. The ef-
fect is that of thousands of fluttering
rose leaves, and the result made as the
breeze passes through the strands is
pleasingly suggestive.

Hot water will take out every kind
of fruit stain if used soon. But the
stained place must not be wet or
washed prior to the use of the hot
water.

The nurses of a woman's beauty are
seven—fresh air, sunshine, warmth,
rest, sleep, food and whatever stirs the
blood, be it exercise or enthusiasm.

When poaching eggs for a sick per-
son, use milk instead of water, as the
milk gives them a more delicate flavor.

The greatest art of a true housekeep-
er is to conceal her art—to make her
home an abiding place of peace.

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Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton,
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He Left the Stage at Hiero.

At an auction sale that lasted for
the best part of a week the auction-
eer's throat began to trouble him great-
ly, and to save himself as much as pos-
sible he had one of his employees read
off the number and name of each arti-
cle as it came up for sale. The assist-
ant's pronunciation of such words as
"marguerite," "Francois," "Sevres,"
"Delacroix" and "Beauvais" was so
weird that the audience "got on to
him," and all those who were not too
lusciously engaged in making bids were
reading their catalogues to follow the
assistant's blunders. He met his Wat-
terloo when he started to read "Bronze
and ornate empire clock, set of three
pieces, supported by Egyptian figures,
chiseled"—And as he came to a full
stop the catalogue readers burst into a
roar of laughter that was inexplicable
to the rest of the audience. The word
after "chiseled" which the assistant
simply refused to have a try at was
"hieroglyphics."—New York Press.

Peculiarities of the Carnation.

The peculiarities of the carnation are
such that under cultivation it has been
made to take almost any character as
to color or form of flower desired by
the careful cultivator. It has been very
popular with one generation of
men and equally unpopular with the
next. When in favor, the flowers in-
creased in size, and the varieties be-
came numbered by the hundreds. At
one time fringed petals were in great
demand and were secured; at another
the smooth edged petals only found ac-
ceptance.

Two hundred years ago the garden-
ers thought the flowers imperfect if
the calyx did not burst, and refractory
flowers were knifed into fashion's line.
But during the last 150 years the burst
calyx has been deemed a defect, yet all
efforts to prevent it in large flowers
have not been wholly successful.

Historic Bachelors.

Many eminent men whose names are
household words and who have left
their impress upon the world were
bachelors. Beethoven, Schubert, Bel-
lini, Cimarosa and Donizetti, all great
German musical composers, were
bachelors. John G. Whittier, our
American poet, was a bachelor. Kant,
the great philosopher; Erasmus, the
scholar and philosopher; Leibnitz, the
German mathematician; Humboldt,
the philosopher; Galileo, who discovered
the application of the pendulum
and that the earth revolves; Hugen-
s, the German astronomer who discovered
Saturn's ring and one satellite; Lei-
big, the chemist; Dr. Hahnemann, the
originator of homeopathy; Dr. Franz
Joseph Gall, the originator of phrenol-
ogy, and Guericke, the inventor of the
air pump, were all bachelors.

A Feast of Horsemanship.

For the sake of a wager a remark-
able feat of horsemanship was some
years ago accomplished by a sport-
ing nobleman in a certain London
mansion. He made a bet with a
friend that he would ride his pony
from the ground floor of the house to
the top and down again. His steed re-
quired a good deal of persuasion to at-
tempt the task, but it was finally per-
formed, though the damage done to the
stair carpets and other things amount-
ed to almost \$1,000, which had to be
paid by the winner.

Hasty Afterthought.

"Policeman," said the stranger, ad-
dressing the officer who was guarding
the muddy crossing, "can you direct
me?"
Here he slipped and fell.
—"To the nearest place," he contin-
ued, gathering himself up and survey-
ing his soiled garments, "where they
clean clothes?"—Chicago Tribune.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.

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BOUNCING BUBBLES.

A Pretty and Instructive Experi-
ment That Is Easily Tried.

For the benefit of those girls and
boys who have never heard of carbonic
acid let us explain that it is a perfect-
ly colorless and invisible gas, like air.
But it is very much heavier than air,
for even gases have weight, and some
are heavier than others. Therefore if
we can fill a jar half full of carbonic
gas and then fill it up with air the car-
bonic acid, if the jar is not disturbed,
will remain for a time below the air,
just as water would do, though you
cannot see any difference between the
top and bottom of the jar.

For this experiment we will use tar-
taric acid, which is a white powder.
Mix this with an equal quantity of
baking soda and put the mixture in the
bottom of a large glass jar. An ounce
of soda will produce seven or eight
quarts of carbonic acid, so a half ounce
of the mixture will be enough for a
two quart jar. Cover the jar with a
piece of cardboard, with a small hole in
the center. Through this hole by means
of a long stemmed funnel add a gill of



THE BUBBLE FLOATING.

water very slowly as long as bubbles
of gas continue to rise from the mix-
ture. Then gently remove the funnel,
but not the cardboard.

The jar is now partly filled with car-
bonic acid.

With soapbuds and a pipe, which you
have prepared in advance, blow a good
big bubble, slip off the card and drop
the bubble into the jar. If the bubble
has dropped from a sufficient height, it
will rebound from the invisible cushion
of carbonic acid like a billiard ball
from a billiard cushion, and after bob-
bing up and down several times will
remain motionless. Then replace the
cover, and you have the bubble appar-
ently suspended in air, but really float-
ing on the carbonic acid as a wooden
ball floats on water.

The effervescence or "sparkling" of
soda water and mineral waters is
caused by bubbles of this gas. The
blue paper of a selditz powder con-
tains baking soda, with other things,
and the white paper contains tartaric
acid. So a selditz powder may be used
in this trick by mixing the two pow-
ders together and then adding the wa-
ter. Or ordinary baking powder, which
contains both soda and tartaric acid,
may be used.—New York Press.

The First Toy Balloon.

Perhaps in old time days the children
had playthings which nowadays are
quite unknown. There may have been
many toys at which we cannot even
guess now, because not even a remnant
is left for us. But one thing is certain,
and that is that the children now have
the benefit of a great many little con-
trivances for their amusement which
were not known then, although there
may have been other ones to take their
places. For example, there is the toy
balloon which is so much enjoyed by
the little tot of two or three who has
never seen anything like it and who
cannot understand why the gay little
colored ball should float in the air with-
out apparently anything to keep it up.

It was in the eighteenth century that
the art of making the air castles, as
they were then called, became first
known. The first one was constructed
at Paris in 1783, by a certain M. Mont-
golfier, who did many wonderful things
in the course of his life, but the most
wonderful of all was the invention of
the balloon, which has brought pleas-
ure not only to thousands of children,
but has also added much to the re-
searches of science.

A Poet Who Told "Stories."

The poet Shelley as a boy was pos-
sessed of a marvelous imagination. So
wonderful, indeed, was it that it gave
his parents many an anxious hour. He
would recount imaginary scenes and
conversations as though they were ac-
tual, and it really seemed as though
he were unable to distinguish between
the little fictions of his imagination
and actual fact. This characteristic
was strong with Shelley throughout
his not very long life and frequently
gave rise to unfortunate complications
between himself and those who did not
understand his nature and habit.

Whose Hands Are the Prettiest?

Three little girls were disputing to-
gether as to which one had the most
beautiful hands. Each one declared,
"Mine are the prettiest!" While they
were discussing a poor beggar woman
came along soliciting alms. Two of the
girls turned away from her

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1903.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

B. A. Barker is shingling his residence on High street.

Mr. Geo. A. Chapman of Paris was in town last Thursday.

Mr. Calvin Bisbee and family returned home Saturday.

Miss Hattie Johnson of Berlin, N. H., is visiting Miss Angie Chapman.

Mrs. Jones who has spent several summers in Bethel, is at Mrs. J. C. Billings.

Mr. Calvin T. Fox and Mr. Fred Taylor of Wilson's Mills, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding Coburn of Bridgton visited friends in town Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Williamson of Portland was in town Monday, on his way to the Medical Convention at Rumford Falls.

Miss Alice Billings took Miss Laura Hall's place as organist at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Bert Cross who has been spending a three weeks' vacation with his parents in town, returned to Medford, Mass., Monday.

Judge Herrick and Squire Hastings, Bowdoin alumni, were in Brunswick last week to attend Commencement at that college.

Messrs. Daniel Bennett and Robert Storey of Wilson's Mills, and M. C. Linnell of Magalloway, were in Bethel yesterday and today.

The engagement of Miss Margaret Williams, a recent teacher at Gould's Academy, and George Wooster Thomas, Colby, '03, has been announced.

Miss Cora Farwell started this morning for Hampton Beach, N. H., where she will spend two weeks and then go to Hampton Falls for the remainder of her vacation.

Mr. Frank Shaw of Patchogue, L. I., was in town last week on his way to Upton where he will assist Rev. Edw. Tuck in religious services during the summer.

Arthur G. Wiley has received the degree M. D. from the Bowdoin Medical School; he is coming for Dr. Sturdivant's patients for a few days during the doctor's absence in Boston and Gray.

Miss Braun is now at the store of Miss Burnham. As this is the last time she will be here this summer, to do millinery work, all desirous of having work done, should call and give orders this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Bryant of Bangor, Mr. and Mrs. John Preston True of Boston, Mr. Prescott Hall of Brookline, Mrs. C. Narten and Miss Narten of Cleveland, Mr. Geo. Megrew of Pittsburgh, Miss Goudy of Portland, Dr. and Mrs. Gehring and Miss True of Bethel were at the Bowdoin Commencement reception and graduation as George Farnsworth's guests.

Gould's Academy Alumni Association will be in session at the Academy Thursday (to-morrow) afternoon at three o'clock. This will be an opportune time for the members to pay their annual assessment of fifty cents; also for those wishing to join the association to enroll their names. Do not forget the hour Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Probably this will be the last meeting of the association for one year.

What are Humors?

They are vitiated or morbid fluids coursing the veins and affecting the tissues. They are commonly due to defective digestion but are sometimes inherited.

How do they manifest themselves? In many forms of cutaneous eruption, salt rheum or eczema, pimples and boils, and in weakness, languor, general debility. How are they expelled? By

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which also builds up the system that has suffered from them.

It is the best medicine for all humors.

The patrons of the Bethel Library are notified that its rooms will not be opened on Saturday, July 4.

Miss Ruth King returned from her studies at the Conservatory of Music last Saturday evening. It is not alone Bethel's boys who win honors abroad, for Miss King has the distinction of being the youngest member in the class and the only one to receive one hundred per cent in her examination.

Examination.

An examination will be given on Friday, July 3rd, at the Grammar School Building, beginning at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, for all boys and girls, resident in Bethel, who wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the law recently passed by our State Legislature, requiring towns not maintaining a free high school, to pay the tuition of its resident boys and girls in any secondary school or schools of an approved grade, which they may wish to attend, in the State.

H. H. HASTINGS, Supt. of Schools.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Fifty people attended the L. R. T. club picnic. A nice program was given after a very excellent dinner.

F. L. Ordway was at Grover's Corner Monday.

Cal Cummings has returned from Swift river.

G. E. Grover rode out for the first time in six weeks, last Saturday.

A C. E. Meeting will be held at the schoolhouse at Grover's Corner near the Town House, on July 5 at 4 p. m.

The town is building a piece of road between Lynchville and East Stoneham.

Stella Bean has been away visiting.

Aunt Charlotte Cummings has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Dora Becker.

F. G. Sloan and daughter Gertrude visited Wm. Sloan and family at Paris, Saturday and Sunday.

Lucien Andrews and W. R. Rice are hauling strips to Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fernald and Mrs. Parker Flint visited Mrs. Rose Coolidge, Sunday.

Howard Allen and wife were at Parker Flint's recently.

Mrs. Elsie Kimball who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Becker, has returned to her home.

Brice Kimball has gone to Berlin, N. H., to accompany his wife home.

Mrs. Kimball and her brother, Mr. Chase, were at Bethel recently.

Newton Moore is enjoying his restored eyesight. All are glad for him.

Arthur Andrews is much improved.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Dolly Mills is so much better.

Many are planting their potatoes a second time.

To Let.

Rooms over the Hose House on Main Street have been newly painted and cleaned all up ready for a tenement. Call on 6w3 C. Mason.

For Sale.

One Delivery Wagon, one Top Basket Phaeton, two good second hand Harness, one ton 10000 Hay. CHARLES MASON.

Just About Bedtime

take a Little Early Riser—it will cure constipation, biliousness and liver troubles. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are different from other pills. They do not gripe and break down the mucous membranes of the stomach, liver and bowels, but cure by gently arousing the secretions and giving strength to those organs. Sold by Wiley.

West Point will graduate ninety-four lieutenants this week, the largest class that ever graduated from the military academy.

GROVER HILL.

Mrs. Alice Ordway was over Grover Hill, buying eggs, Monday.

Mrs. Emma Barker and children are soon to visit at A. B. Grover's.

Mrs. A. L. Whitman has again returned to her family.

There is to be a family reunion at Albert Whitman's this week.

Levi Browne visited in Waterford last week.

The young people from this vicinity attended the ball game at West Bethel, Saturday.

Fred Wheeler visited in Stoneham Sunday; his sister accompanied him on his return.

Friday evening, Miss Ruth Bean closed her school on West Bethel Flat with a pleasing entertainment.

The receipts which amounted to \$7.55 will be expended for a flag and dictionary for the benefit of the school. The well rendered program was as follows:

Chorus—Happy School Days, School Recitation—The Little Temperance Boy, Willie Bennett.

Recitation—Something Unusual, Beatrice Blake.

Recitation—My Rose, Violet Morrill.

Recitation—Do Your Best, Carroll Abbott.

Recitation—My Pet Cat, George Mundt.

Song—Violets, Violets, Gladys Morrill.

Recitation—Poor Little Joe, Rebecca Bennett.

Recitation—My First Recital, Evander Whitman.

Recitation—The Second Table, George Mills.

Recitation—Praying and Hoisting, Elmer Morrill.

Song—Brook and River, Lillian Morrill.

Recitation—Playtime, Dorothy Morrill.

Recitation—Billy's Rose, Blanche Luxton.

Recitation—The Wife-hunting Deacon, Marian Morrill.

Recitation—Farmer Nick's Scarecrow, Lloyd Luxton.

Recitation—Ranger, Lillian Morrill.

Song—Little Boy in Blue, Miss Bean.

Recitation—Jane Jones, Karle Stearns.

Recitation—Reverie in Church, Gladys Morrill.

Song—Good Old Summer Time, Miss Bean.

The term has been an unusually profitable one; the scholars have evinced much enthusiasm and diligence in their work, and all will be glad to welcome Miss Bean back again this fall. Of the seventeen pupils, George Mundt, aged five years, was not absent a day during the term.

Cholera Infantum.

This has long been regarded as one of the most dangerous and fatal diseases to which infants are subject. It can be cured, however, when properly treated. All that is necessary is to give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, as directed with each bottle, and a cure is certain.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tubbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

BRYANT POND.

D. D. Peverley has sold his old boiler to Ed Andrews and purchased a new one of W. L. Blake & Co.

George Tuttle attended the circus in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mrs. Kelly who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mark Allen, has returned to her home in South Jonesport, Mrs. Allen accompanying her as far as Portland.

Mrs. Edith Bryant and Mrs. Effie Peverley, recently visited friends in Lewiston.

Will Morse has finished work for Lewis Mann and is now at work for Ed Andrews.

The quarry has again started with quite a crew of men at work; the most of them are new comers.

Mrs. Nellie Dudley visited her niece, Mrs. Emily Felt, last Tuesday.

The greatest game of baseball ever played in town was played last Saturday between the B. P. 2nd nine and West Paris 2nd nine. It needed to be seen to be appreciated. Score 10 to 2, won by B. P.

MARRIED.

In Bethel, June 24, by Rev. E. E. Barton, Robert W. Dennis and Etta O. Griffin, both of Bethel.

DIED.

In Woodville, N. H., June 27, Helen Sophia Bennett, wife of James McLean, aged 24 years.

Worms?

Many children are troubled with worms, and treated for something else. A few doses of True's Worm Elixir will expel worms if they exist, and prove valuable for all other ailments of the bowels. Dr. J. R. TRUE & Co., Auburn, Me.

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Complete Hygienic Kitchen Outfit
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The News has struck a Bonanza in the Cooking Utensils described below. We urgently and respectfully ask our readers to look into their merits.

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FIRST—Send us \$2.00 and we will send you the news until January 1st, 1905, and give you one of these beautiful Kitchen Outfits, ABSOLUTELY FREE.

SECOND—Send in your own subscription and the subscription of a friend, each for one year, and we will give you a set, or

THIRD—Send us two New Subscribers and receive the set.

IF YOU ARE A SUBSCRIBER NOW

FIRST—Send in a renewal of your own subscription and one new name, and the set is yours, or

SECOND—If you are in arrears, pay up to date and extend your paper to January 1, 1905.

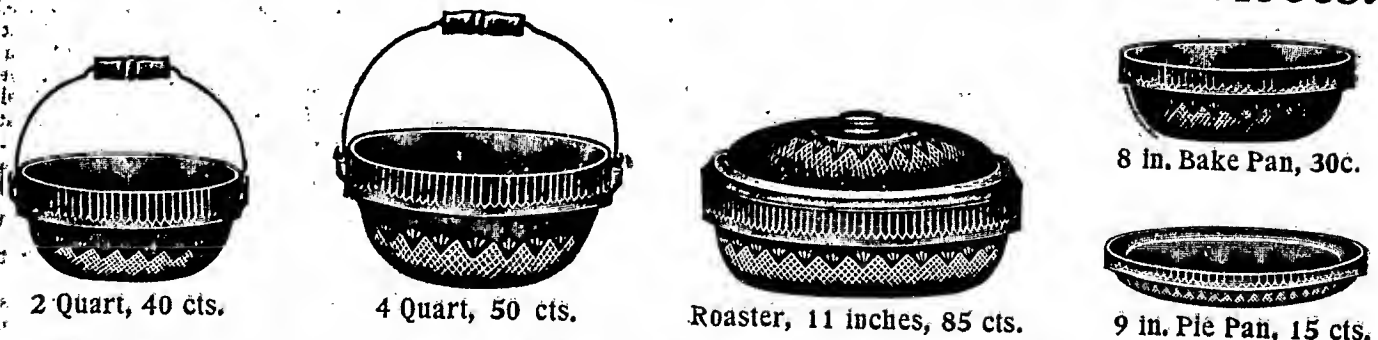
HOUSEKEEPERS

Mrs. S. T. Rohrer, now writing for the Ladies' Home Journal, recommends the use of Earthen Cooking Utensils for the preparation of all dainties, and wherever wholesome food is desired. The following extract has also appeared in the household columns of the Ladies' Home Journal. "The flavor of food baked or boiled in earthenware, is far superior to that of vegetable or animal food cooking in the same way in iron vessels, for the reason that iron is a conductor of heat, while earthenware is a non-conductor. Consequently, food cooked in the latter is rarely, if ever, burned, the degree of heat not varying perceptibly during the process of cooking, thus preserving the flavor of the food as well as uniformity throughout the substance of the meat, vegetables or grain, until the process of cooking is completed." Anyone to be convinced of the

Unsanitary condition of Granite or cheap Enameled Cooking
Utensils, has only to notice the odor coming from
the bottom of such vessels

even after they have been scoured, and are supposed to be scrupulously clean. This odor in itself is enough to cause anyone to investigate the desired qualities of a more sanitary utensil. "The poisonous substances in enamel are Arsenic, Antimony and Lead. There is no doubt that many of the unaccountable illnesses that have come to the people, especially after eating fruits and vegetables, boiled or stewed in these dishes—tomatoes, rhubarb, apples, strawberries, etc., have their origin in the disintegration of the enamel, and in the absorption by the food and the poisons. Even where the enamel is commonly applied with skill and understanding, it may happen that a workman may spill an undue quantity of poison into the mixture, and it takes but little arsenic or lead in the human system to cause the most serious and life long stomach trouble." Our vessels fill a long felt want; are perfectly healthful, acid proof, and once used, will never be done without.

Special Introductory Price \$2.00 for Set of 5 Pieces.



The special features of our kettles are first and foremost, that it is an ideal Cooking Kettle, suitable for any purpose, and with reasonable use will last longer, and give better satisfaction than any kettle you can purchase; in fact, it is the only earthen kettle that contains fire proof qualities that can be called such. It is mechanically perfect, with a special ventilated bottom, which permits the free circulation of air; consequently, prevents the uneven heating which is the cause of disaster in patterns of cooking ware that have heretofore been offered to the public. It is made exceptionally light, and is really the only sanitary kettle sold. Cooks evenly, never burns. Its lining cannot scale, and in cooking neither can the contents become tainted, or discolored. In the cooking of fruits, especially for canning, it is invaluable, and would be well worth its cost if only used one season. You will find that your fruit will never sour, and if properly sealed, will keep just as well a year afterwards, as the day it was canned. They can also be used in the preparation of food for the sick, and are highly recommended by the foremost Hospitals in the country and abroad. It is not a vessel for special occasions, but is always ready, clean and wholesome, and can be used for any purpose whether for boiling cabbage or the rarest delicacies. They are made in two sizes, 2 and 4 quarts.

Our Roaster is a vessel that must not be lost sight of by the economical housekeeper. It appeals to every man and woman, and where once used, will never be done without. In any ordinary roaster, a six pound roast will actually shrink to about four pounds when ready for the table, while if prepared in our roaster, the shrinkage is hardly perceptible. The meat is not dried up on the edges, has all of the juices, and is tender and more delicious than any roast you have ever eaten.

The Pie Pan needs no introduction in the American Household. It is a well known fact that the old stone Pie Pans are the best obtainable. The crust will bake crisp, and without any danger of burning. And again, it is unnecessary to remove the pie from the dish on account of it becoming soggy on the bottom. The pie may remain in one of our pans until used with the assurance that the crust will be as crisp and flaky as the day it came from the oven.

The Bake Pans contain all the advantages mentioned above. Are suitable for baking bread, cake, escalloped oysters, puddings, and any use to which a vessel of this kind can be put, with the assurance at all times, that your food will not be tainted or burned. They have fire proof qualities that are not possessed by any other Cooking Ware, and for ordinary use, a set of ware will last a life time.

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Independence Day draws near. Sunday excursions are well patronized.

Old potatoes are becoming scarce. Corn planted May 20 is not tall enough for hoeing.

Many farmers are still engaged in planting potatoes and beans.

Miss Etta Griffin's name was changed last week to Mrs. Etta Dennis.

J. G. Coffin and son Guy of Locke Mills made us a call on Friday last.

There was a dance in Bell's Hall Saturday evening, which was well attended.

L. E. Allen has been making many changes and repairs inside his dwelling house.

Eugene A. Briggs, wife and daughter of South Paris, visited his father, brothers, and sister here Sunday.

Our village school closed last week, and Friday united with the Northwest Bethel school in a picnic over the river.

The West Bethel boys crossed bats with the North Waterfords on Saturday last, and the visiting club was defeated. Next Saturday, if the weather is fair, the same teams will meet in North Waterford.

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The East Bethel Telephone Company is now extending the line to Rumford Corner.

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The Busy Workers will meet with Mrs. N. M. Brown Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Ada Canning and little girl Ruth have gone to Norway where Mrs. Canning will work for Wm. C. Leavitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tyler have gone to Norway, East Sumner and vicinity, for a few days.

Several from this town attended the public auction of the household goods of Aldana Brooks, held at his former residence in Upton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Otis have been in Andover this week to see their son Will, who is quite ill with rheumatism. Mrs. Otis will remain there with him a few days.

J. H. Farrar of Portland and C. S. Farrar and wife of Walpole, Mass., have been visiting their mother, Mrs. A. W. Farrar. Mrs. Martha Davis also has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Whitman who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Farrar.

Services were held at the schoolhouse here last Sunday at 3:30 p. m., by Mr. Frank Shaw from Lafayette College, Pa. This was Mr. Shaw's first Sunday here. His sermon was very interesting and we hope he will be with us often. Mr. Tuck of Upton will conduct the services here next Sunday.

Meetings were resumed at the schoolhouse Sunday. Next Sunday the preaching will be by Rev. Edw. A. Tuck at 3 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Dark Hair

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a great many years; and although I am past eighty years of age, yet I have not a gray hair in my head."

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ANDOVER.

A great many people from this place attended the circus on June 26.

Miss Elizabeth Gregg and Mrs. Alice Merrick made a trip to Lewiston last week.

Mrs. O. B. Poor and Miss Alice Poor visited Rumford Falls June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dresser are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a daughter in their home June 25.

Mr. Frank Field is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Dresser.

Mrs. Lincoln Dresser escaped what might have proved a serious accident. While taking her wraps from the carriage the horse started, one of the wheels striking her and throwing her down. No bones were broken.

School closed June 26. The teachers gave a treat of ice cream and cake to their pupils on that day.

Miss Sampson, teacher of the high school, left for her home at Kent's Hill, Monday.

Lone Mt. Grange will have a picnic July 4th at Mr. Walter Howe's, Roxbury. The committee of arrangements consists of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Poor, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Burgess, and Miss Perkins.

Miss Evaline Melcher left for Boston last week, where she will visit friends.

Dr. Francis and Chas. Chandler of Brookline have arrived and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. Poor.

Miss Annie Gregg is visiting her sister at Rumford Falls.

Fred French returned to the Lakes June 22.

Dr. Deacon and wife who were at Mr. O. B. Poor's last week, left for the Lakes June 26.

Mr. J. B. Roberts was in town June 27 with a load of furniture.

Mrs. Lester Poor and daughter Ina leave for the Lakes in a few days.

Rev. Mr. Holden returned on Friday from Bowdoin Commencement.

The Barnes Bros. are making a large addition to their store and dwelling.

Mrs. Whitney Roberts is visiting her father's family, at So. Andover.

Mr. George Howes, Misses Lillian Sampson and A. M. Elliot spent last Saturday at Roxbury Pond.

There was a children's service at the M. E. church June 28, consisting of speaking by the children, music, and an address. There was a very large attendance.

NORTH ALBANY.

The Paris Mfg Co. have finished sawing lumber in this place, and have moved their wagon to Paris.

Mrs. Cyrus Rolfe visited friends in Portland last week.

Mrs. Bert Brown went to Newburyport last Monday.

Bert Brown, Chas. Haskell, and Jack McKenzie are on the hay press again this week.

Carrie Emery was at West Paris last week.

Ole Emery is at home on a visit. Schools close in town July 3.

Mr. Frost and family are visiting at Will Tyler's.

Paint Your Buggy for 75c. to \$1.00 with Devos's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weighs 3 to 8 ozs. more to the pint than others, wears longer, and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items from Our Shire Town.

Mr. Joseph Jones spent a few days in town this week.

Miss Mae Evans of Rumford Falls is visiting friends and relatives here.

M. and Mrs. C. W. Bowker & daughter Muriel spent a few days at Auburn this week.

The young ladies of the Universalist Sunday school in Mrs. Emma Park's class are preparing for a Fair in the fall.

Last Sunday was observed in the Methodist church as John Wesley Sunday, by special services.

Thursday evening Col. C. H. French gave his lecture with the views of Mt. Pelee to a large and appreciative audience.

The Grand Army Post and Relief Corps met with Capt. and Mrs. H. N. Bolster Thursday afternoon and evening. A picnic supper was enjoyed.

The Grand Army Post will hold its annual Children's Day Tuesday, with a picnic at Penley's grove.

The Rebekahs of Norway, West Paris, and Buckfield were guests of Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge here last Friday evening. The degree was worked and a literary and musical entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Arthur Clark of Portland spent Sunday with his family here.

Mr. W. D. Clark and family are spending a short vacation in Bath.

Miss Eisle Bolster is visiting relatives in Massachusetts.

The Foundation of Health.

Nourishment is the foundation of health—life—strength. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the one great medicine that enables the stomach and digestive organs to digest, assimilate and transform all foods into the kind of blood that nourishes the nerves and feeds the tissues. Kodol lays the foundation for health. Nature does the rest. Indigestion, Dyspepsia, and all disorders of the stomach and digestive organs are cured by the use of Kodol. Sold by Wiley.

WILSON'S MILLS.

There were large audiences at the meetings which began last Sunday. Nearly a hundred were present at one of the services. The preaching was by Rev. Edw. A. Tuck assisted by Mrs. Tuck as a singer. The new bell at Wilson's Mills rang half an hour in announcement of the first meeting. Mr. Frank Shaw will conduct the services next Sunday.

Little Alton Pennock is on the sick list.

Mr. Calvin T. Fox and Mr. Fred Taylor are on a business trip to Bethel.

J. W. Bucknam has had a telephone put into his house.

Mr. C. I. Wilson made a short call on his sister, Mrs. C. T. Fox, last Thursday.

Dr. E. E. Jones, Dr. E. E. Twombly, C. S. Aldrich and Chas. Kelley, all of Colebrook, N. H., are up river on a fishing trip.

Mrs. C. A. Bennett of Wentworth Location, N. H., is visiting relatives in this place.

Mrs. Peter Littlehale who has been dangerously ill is improving. Ernest Bennett returned home from Bemis where he has been taking charge of the drive.

J. W. Clark and J. W. Bucknam were called to Avon, Mass., Saturday, June 20, by the death of Mrs. J. A. Bucknam. Mrs. Bucknam formerly lived in this place and was known to many of our townspeople. Her father and son have the sympathy of all in their affliction.

Half-Moon Lodge of the Coming Men of America was organized Monday evening with six charter members: Wm. B. Flint, Harold B. Flint, Percy R. Taylor, Alvin W. Bennett, Carl B. Carter and Eugene Chayre. That's right, boys, we are glad to you take an interest in something sensible.

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For Sale.

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The O. F. Twitchell place consisting of a house, stable and hen house, all in good repair. A very desirable place for keeping hens. Good water handy, for stock, watering gardens, lawns, etc. Inquire of C. C. Bryant, Bethel, Me., or address O. F. Twitchell, 55 Merrill St., Portland, Me.

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A nice farm situated in Lewiston within three miles of the city, on electric road; fifty acres of land, about equally divided as to pasture and tillage land; has thirty or forty fruit trees; a spring of pure water near house, also nice well water; excellent set of farm buildings including large henhouse, new; cellar under house, oil and barn; excellent land to cultivate and cuts twenty-five tons of hay; never failing brook runs through the pasture. Will sell at a bargain and on easy terms. For particulars inquire of or address E. C. Bowler, Bethel, Maine.

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Salary or commission; no experience necessary; money advanced for expenses; outfit FREE. Send light orders for our Guaranteed Nursery Stock. Will pay cash for the above. Write or call at once at THE NEWS office, Bethel, Me.

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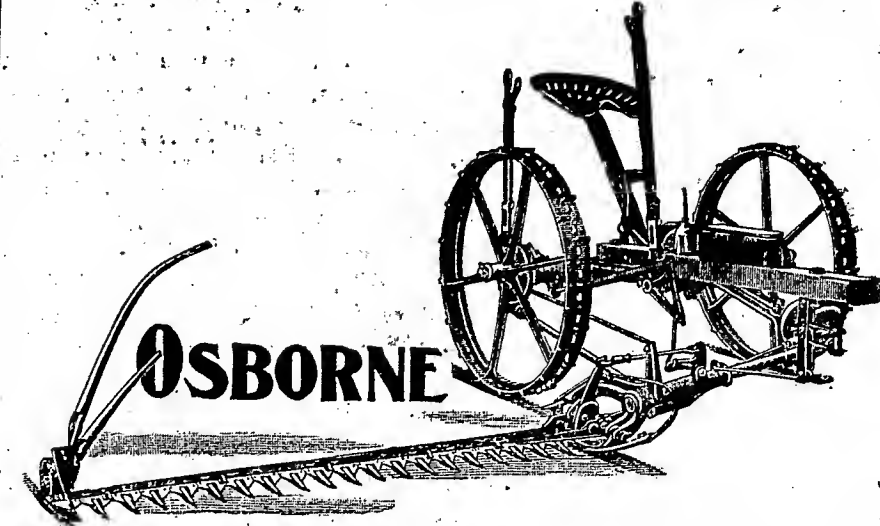
Woodbury Homestead.

FOR SALE. The Woodbury Homestead on South Main Street, a large two story frame house with two story ell and stable attached. The house is heated by a furnace, and is supplied with water and drainage. Apply at once to

MR. J. U. FURINGTON, Bethel, Maine.

Farm for Sale.

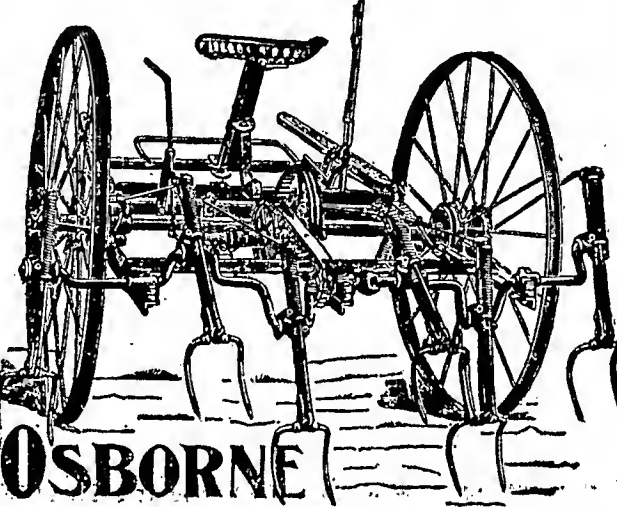
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RUMFORD FALLS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Carver spent Saturday in Portland.

Miss Matilda Coulombe spent Sunday with friends in Lewiston.

Mrs. Florent Violette went to Canada, Saturday, for a two months' stay at her old home.

Roy Chipman, the local representative of the International Correspondence School, spent Sunday in Lewiston.

Henry E. Dix, who has been a guest in the family of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Burditt, returned home Saturday morning to Ashland, Mass.

Miss Mildred Keen of Sumner, who has been a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Atwood, returned to her home Saturday.

It is reckoned that four thousand people were at the afternoon performance of the Walter Main show, while in the evening barely sixteen hundred were present.

Silas Hoxie who has been a guest of his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Martin, returned Saturday to his home in Waterville. He was accompanied as far as Lewiston by Mrs. Martin.

Friends in town of Norman L. Bassett, Esq., of Augusta will be interested to know of his marriage on June 24, in Bennington, Vt., to Miss Lilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Holden of Bennington.

E. H. Washburn who has been in town for some time, returned home on Saturday to Lewiston. Mr. Washburn has been here, preparing to put on a comedy drama with local talent. The threatened strike delayed him however.

Sunday morning at the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. G. A. Martin, preached on the subject, "Safe-guards of the Nation." In the evening the officers of the Epworth League were installed with a short address.

The Olsmobile owned by Chas. E. Fernald is once more on the street, having entirely been made good after its recent accident; that 40 foot plunge, which Messrs. Fernald and C. G. Bisbee took down an embankment the other day was a close call for them, but luckily neither were in the least injured.

It was rather an unusual, although a goodly sight, Saturday morning to watch a youngster, who in driving a milk wagon sharply around a corner, had slewed out several bottles which broke in the street. Very carefully did the little chap clean up every piece of glass, dumping them safely in the canal.

Miss Charlotte French has returned to her position as stenographer in the office of the Rumford Falls Realty company, after a vacation a part of which was spent at her home in Bangor.

Very Remarkable Cure of Diarrhoea.

"About six years ago for the first time in my life I had a sudden and severe attack of diarrhoea," says Mrs. Alice Miller of Morgan, Texas. "I got temporary relief, but it came back again and again, and for six long years I have suffered more misery and agony than I can tell. It was worse than death. My husband spent hundreds of dollars for physicians' prescriptions and treatment without avail. Finally we moved to Bosque county, our present home, and one day I happened to see an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with a testimonial of a man who had been cured by it. The case was so similar to my own that I concluded to try the remedy. The result was wonderful. I could hardly realize that I was well again, or believe it could be so after having suffered so long, but that one bottle of medicine, costing but a few cents, cured me."

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

West Point will graduate ninety-four lieutenants this week, the largest class that ever graduated from the military academy.

A Surgical Operation

Is always dangerous—do not submit to the surgeon's knife until you have tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It will cure when everything else fails—it has done this in thousands of cases. Here is one of them: I suffered from bleeding and protruding piles for twenty years. Was treated by different specialists and used many remedies, but obtained no relief until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Two boxes of this salve cured me eighteen months ago and I have not had a touch of the piles since.—H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C. For Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles no remedy equals DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by Wiley.

Interesting Facts About Bees.

John Burroughs says that when a bee brings pollen into the hive he advances to the cell in which it is to be deposited and kicks it off, as one might his overalls or rubber boots, making one foot help another. The honeybee ranks among the highest of all insects, because of its thoughtful provision for the future and the care shown its young. The young bees which receive this care from the working bees are called larvae. These are of three kinds, found in three different kinds of cells, and they are called queens, drones and workers. The best time to study this wonderful insect is when buckwheat and goldenrod are in bloom. If possible, visit some hive and try to see them at work inside. It is very interesting to see a few captured bees that have been fed with some honey "take a bee line" for home when let loose. This is the plan followed in the mountains and elsewhere when hunting for wild honey. Frequently these bees will return for more honey to the same place where they were fed at first, as their instinct is akin to reason, and they always observe a place so as to return to it. When making room in the hive for a set of young bees, the old queen bee leaves the hive, followed by nearly all of the grown bees that are there at the time, and, after swarming in the air, they go directly to a new home, just as if they had selected the place beforehand. They not only make wax and honey, but add to their usefulness by carrying the pollen for the fertilization of flowers.

Catarrh of the Stomach.

When the stomach is overloaded; when food is taken into it that fails to digest, it decays and inflames the mucous membrane, exposing the nerves, and causes the glands to secrete much, instead of natural juices of digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach. For years I suffered with Catarrh of the Stomach, caused by indigestion. Doctors and medicines failed to benefit me until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.—J. R. Rhea, Coppell, Tex. Sold by Wiley.

Went Too Far.

He had a bundle of papers under his arm and was standing near a railway station weeping. "What is the matter, my boy?" said a pleasant faced gentleman. "If I go home without selling my papers, my father and mother will beat the life out of me." "That's bad." "Yes, sir; but the worst of it is I am an only orphan." "Yes," replied the philanthropist, allowing a coin to drop back into his pocket. "It doesn't often happen that a boy has such bad luck."—Chums.

His Reputation.

Upgarson—On the strength of your recommendation I lent Bilcombe \$5 the other day, and now I find he's a confirmed deadbeat that never pays his debts. You told me he was a man of established reputation.

Atom—So he is. That's the reputation he has established.

Maintaining the Proportion.

Mrs. Nagston—Why, my dear, the last time I heard you tell that story it was only \$12 instead of \$25 that you lost.

Mr. Nagston—Well, this crowd I'm telling it to is twice as big as that one was.

We Will Buy It Back.

You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. We will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowel complaints and the only one that never fails. It is pleasant, safe and reliable.

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a teaspoonful of "L. F." The True "L. F." Atwood's Bitters after each meal; it cures dyspepsia. 35c, 8 oz. bottle.—All dealers.

WIT AND WISDOM.

A scientist has announced that bee stings will cure rheumatism, and fishermen have always believed that whiskey was a perfect antidote for bee stings.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box. 25c.

If the flood conditions in Iowa can only be prolonged a few weeks, that state can probably produce a navigator entirely fitted to become Secretary of the Navy, on Mr. Moody's retirement.

Builds up the system; puts pure rich blood in the veins; makes men and women strong and healthy. Burdock Blood Bitters. At any drug store.

A Brooklyn bishop is about to start a fire insurance company for the benefit of his churches. But are not the churches themselves the most perfect forms of insurance against fire?

"I suffered for months from sore throat. Electric Oil cured me in twenty-four hours." M. S. Gist, Hawesville, Ky.

Governor Yates of Illinois says he is not a candidate for the vice-presidency. What a unique man!

Itchiness of the skin, horrible plague. Most everybody afflicted in one way or another. Only one safe, never failing cure. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store, 50 cents.

It begins to look as if the Postmaster General would be compelled to make public Bristow's reply to the Tulloch charges, much as he hates to expose his old cronies.

One of nature's remedies; cannot harm the weakest constipation; never fails to cure summer complaints of young or old. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry.

No man or woman in the State will hesitate to speak well of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets after once trying them. They always produce a pleasant movement of the bowels, improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

It is announced that "The President will go to the bottom of the Postoffice scandal." If Mr. Roosevelt is not careful he will not get back again in time for election day.

For a lazy liver try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They invigorate the liver, aid the digestion, regulate the bowels and prevent bilious attacks.

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The people have suffered enough from coal strikes and there is no excuse for anyone who does anything to precipitate another.



CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Sheep Raising Experiments by Mary is the Boston title to the "Mary had a little lamb" ditty.

GRASS GROWING.

Experiments in Top Dressing—Effect of Nitrate of Soda.

The Rhode Island experiment station has devoted considerable attention to grass culture, and a recent bulletin gives the results of the fourth year of grass experiments conducted on three plots of the station farm. Among other items it appears that the land was seeded with barley, clover and grass in the spring of 1898. The clover and grass seedling per acre was upon each plot 7.5 pounds common red clover, 15 pounds timothy, 7.5 pounds redtop.

One ton of slaked lime was applied per acre to each of the three plots in 1897, none having been used since.

The plots have been manured alike with potash and phosphoric acid, but regarding nitrogen one plot receives none, another a one-third ration and the third one a full ration.

The yields of field cured hay for the four years upon the plot receiving the full ration of nitrate of soda have been as follows:

	Tons per acre.
1899.....	3.4665
1900.....	4.1000
1901.....	4.6350
1902.....	4.1000

The value of the crop of barn cured hay, even at the lower prices used in the estimates, exceeded the cost of the manures in each of the four years where a full ration of nitrate of soda was used as follows.

	Per acre.
1899.....	\$19.63
1900.....	30.40
1901.....	40.70
1902.....	32.74

Total.....\$123.45

Average per year.....30.87

The net returns were much greater in each year where a full ration of nitrate of soda was used than where a one-third ration was applied or was altogether omitted.

Based upon the results of all the experiments to date it is believed that the annual application of the following materials per acre would probably have given better net returns than the amounts employed in this experiment—viz: Four hundred pounds acid phosphate, 200 to 250 pounds muriate of potash, 350 pounds nitrate of soda.

It is assumed that the land, if acid (sour), should be limed before seeding to grass.

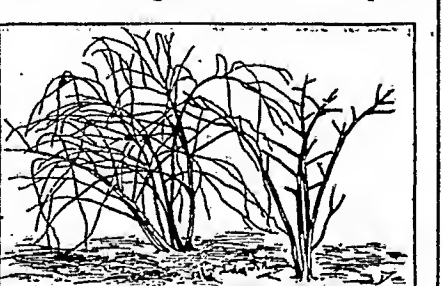
It is absurd to waste manure in top dressing "run out" land which is not filled with the proper kinds of grass roots. The only rational course in such cases is to plow and reseed heavily.

Potato Planting.

One of the most helpful ways in making an early potato crop is to prepare the sets for planting some time in advance, cutting them into halves or quarter pieces, so as to get one, two or three eyes on each set, and then exposing them to air long enough to dry the cut surface so that it will not rot when it comes in contact with wet and cold soil. Many acres of early potatoes become failures from nonattention to this simple precaution. After the cut surface has sealed over the potato set should be exposed to light so as to make its buds green. When they begin to expand, the set should be planted if the ground is in condition to be worked. The growing germ will dry out the sap in the potato and will also dry the soil around the set and make it warmer.—American Cultivator.

How to Prune Blackcaps.

The figure represents Kansas blackcap raspberries as they grow on the grounds of the Rural New Yorker with ordinary cultivation. The bush on the right is pruned for fruiting—that is, the old canes have been cut out, together with the weak new growths and the branches shortened back to moderate spurs, cutting to a plump bud. The unpruned bush shows how the tips anchor when growth is not hampered.



UNPRUNED—PRUNED FOR FRUITING.

by summer pinching. On account of frequent high winds during summer and early fall it is found inexpedient to cut out old canes when the fruit ripens or interfere with the natural development of the new growth until pruning time returns the following spring. The plants, unless trained to wires or stakes, need all possible support against wind pressure and know well how to provide it. In less exposed places summer pruning may be an advantage, but it is doubtful whether productiveness is greatly increased by it.

Not So Badly Said.

Farming is no longer the occupation of the mere toiler. It demands the trained brain as well as the strong body, knowledge as well as physical endurance.

"I shrink systematically," says a woman. "I would rather leave some things undone than others. I would rather feed my mind, which is going to last forever, than be a model housewife."

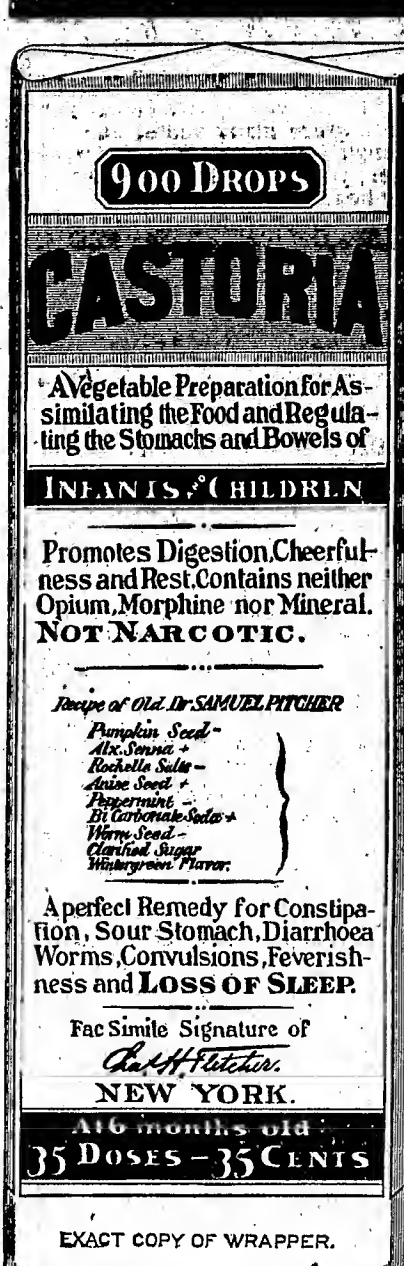
It seems to be easier for some of us to break our backs undoing than to lift our little finger doing.

A great secret of success today is co-operation. All readers of this paper can co-operate with us.

The paper that makes you think is the one to tie to.

The average man can endure almost any amount of pain if it is inflicted on somebody else.

The upright do not grow rich in a hurry.



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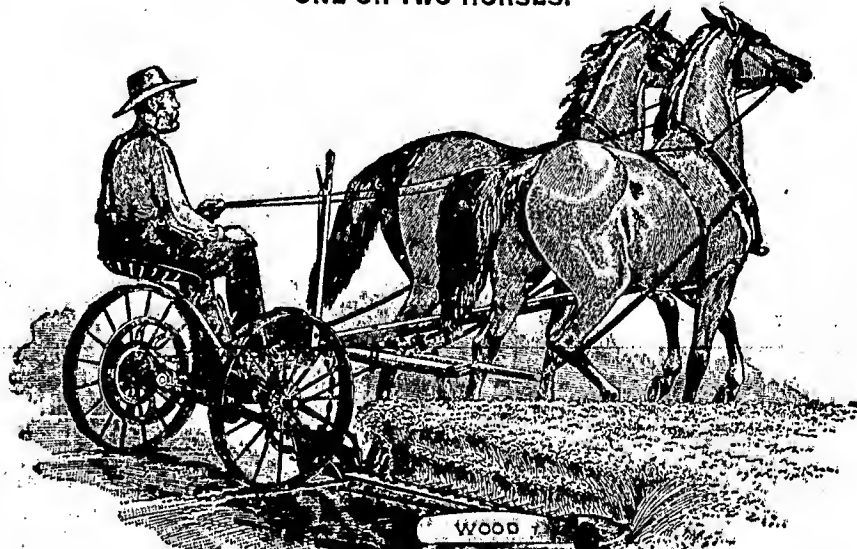
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YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Little Boy That Wished.

There was a little boy, with two little eyes, And he had a little head that was just the proper size, And two little arms, and two little hands; On two little legs the little boy stands. Now this little boy would now and then be cross, Because he could only be the very thing he was; He wanted to be this, and then he wanted to be that; His head was full of wishes underneath his little hat!

"I wish I was a drummer to beat a kettle-drum, I wish I was a giant to say fee-fy-fum; I wish I was a captain to go sailing in a ship; I wish I was a huntsman to crack a pretty whip.

"I wish I was a horse to go sixty miles an hour; I wish I was the man that lives in the light-house tower; I wish I was a sea-gull with two very long wings; I wish I was a traveler to sell all sorts of things.

"I wish I was a carpenter; I wish I was a lord; I wish I was a soldier, with a pistol and a sword; I wish I was the man that goes high up in a balloon; I wish, I wish, I wish I could be something else and soon!"

But all the wishing in the world is not a bit of use; That little boy this very day he stands in his own shoes; That little boy is still but little Master What-do-you-call, As much as if that little boy had never wished at all!

He eats his bread and butter, and he likes it very much, He grubs about, and bumps his head, and bows his hoop, and such; And his father and his mother say, "Thank the gracious powers, Those wishes can not wish away that little boy of ours!"

—Good Things.

A Traveled Doll.

Miss Mary Green is a rubber doll who appeared one day late last fall in the postoffice at Winchester, Mass., and whose travels are told about by the Grand Rapids Herald. On her dress was fastened a slip of paper which read: "The climate of New England is too severe for this child. Please pass her to the Pacific coast for the winter." Some friendly clerk put a stamp on her dress and sent her to Montana. From there she went to California, then to British Columbia and from there to Ottawa. Each postoffice clerk seems to have enjoyed her society as long as he pleased, then pasted a stamp to her gown and sent her on.

At Denver she evidently attended a banquet of the mailing clerks and had some new traveling garments given her. Her dress is said to be covered over with postage stamps from various offices in the United States, and around her neck are several "poems" written in her honor. She also wears newspaper badges from many different states, showing the honor with which she was received at the various literary banquets which she had attended. From Ottawa she brought back a tag which proved to be a pass to the gallery of the house of commons.

Blowing the Feather.

This simple game makes no end of fun. The players seat themselves on the floor in the form of a hollow square and take hold of a sheet by the edges, raising it until it is just under their chins and keeping it taut in that position. It will thus be spread out on a level about eighteen inches above the floor.

One of the players is left out of the square, and after the sheet is spread he places on it a small feather, which the players in the square immediately begin to blow about in every direction. The outside player's task is to catch the feather either in front of or on some one in the square, and when he succeeds that player takes his place.

As the feather is blown here and there and the outside player rushes here and there after it the fun becomes uproarious, and then he finds his chance, for some one gets too weak from laughing to blow the feather at the right time, and he seizes it.

Would Be a Sight.

"Mamma," said a pretty four-year-old miss who had been watching her mother arranging her toilet preparatory to making a call, "when I def big like 'ou, will I pin more hair on my head an' put white 'tuff on my cheeks?"

"Yes, dear, I suppose so," replied the mother.

"D'walcus," exclaimed the little beauty, "won't I be a sight!"

Try This Riddle.

Why is a blind pig that has been slaughtered by a butcher with black whiskers whose second wife's mother's sister went around the corner a moment ago dressed in black silk and a last year's bonnet like a note written in green ink by the butcher's daughter to her chum who has been washing her hair every day since her father's house burned down?

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THE OBSTINATE FLAME.

How and Why You May Blow Out a Candle Backward.

Hold a lighted candle eight or ten inches from your face and blow gently at the flame. Of course the flame will bend over away from you as if it were trying to leave the wick. Blow harder, and the flame will go out. That is to say it will leave the wick and disappear entirely.

Now, let us think about that a little. When you kindle a fire in the grate, the more draft you give it the better it burns. Blow on it, and you will see, or get a pair of old fashioned bellows, such as your grandmother used, and the harder you work them the more quickly the wood ignites and the higher leaps the flame.

Why does this blowing on the fire make it burn better? Simply because you give it more oxygen, and oxygen is what fire lives on.

But in the case of the candle, when you blow hard on it the flame instead of burning more brightly goes out altogether. Do you see the reason? Perhaps this is it. The flame depends upon a sufficient amount of heat to make the oxygen ignite, and a sudden or hard blowing of the breath on it drives the heat away, so that there is not enough left to support combustion.

But there is a way to blow on the candle when within a few inches of your face without blowing it out. Indeed you can make the flame incline



AS YOU BLOW ON THE CANDLE.

toward you instead of away from you. You think of course that there is a trick in this, and you are right. That is why we are telling you about it, so that you may puzzle some of your friends.

Take a piece of wire about ten inches in length and bend it at right angles in the middle. Twist one end of it into a ring that will fit over the candle and bend the other end into a downward loop that may be squeezed together as a clamp. Into this clamp put a piece of cardboard about six inches in diameter and then slip the ring over the candle. If you have adjusted them right, the cardboard will be exactly between your mouth and the flame when you hold the candle up before your face.

Now blow on the cardboard as hard as you can, but you cannot blow the candle out; on the contrary, the flame will incline toward you, just as if some one were blowing it in that direction. The reason is that the air you blow on the cardboard rebounds and carries with it some of the air around the flame, and this of course brings the flame toward the board.

Learn to Do Only Work That Pays.

Digging in the soil and chopping wood is hard work, but it requires no special skill; hence the wages paid are the smallest. The pay increases in proportion to the thought and skill required. Learn a good trade, and it will be with you when your friends and money are gone. Few boys take to tasks that require thought and persistent effort. Yet skilled work is the only employment in demand. Hod carriers and common laborers glut the market everywhere. The tradesmen and artisans are the ones that get the easiest jobs and the most money. The others are always hunting work. Should they accidentally stumble upon a job they cannot hold it. A superficial knowledge will not do. It must be thorough. Boys, learn a trade while young. After you are twenty years old few will be found who will take time and trouble to teach you one. When you are that old, you will want a man's pay. If you don't know anything, you won't get it. Know nothing work at odd jobs and are paid the lowest scale.—Gem.

Lighting the Stars.

Mabel Greene, a Brooklyn five-year-old, one evening stood at a window of her home with her pretty face flattened against the pane intently watching a slowly gathering storm. Darker grew the low hanging clouds, but Mabel showed no signs of fear. Instead her features were animated and she appeared to be absorbed in the scene. Even when a violent clap of thunder seemed to rend the heavens and forked lightning flashed the child was unmoved. At last, tiring of the sight, Mabel turned to her mother sitting near. "Mamma," she said, "I think God is dethin' wendy to light his stars."

"Why, darling?"

"'Cause he's scratchin' matches on the sky."

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of July, A. D. 1903, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

JOSIAH C. BEAN, late of Lincoln Plantation, deceased, petition for the appointment of Lizzie Bennett some other suitable person as administrator, presented by Sadie L. Littlehale, a daughter.

SARAH B. FRENCH, late of Bethel, deceased, first account presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, executor.

ALTHEA C. FARWELL, ward of Bethel; first and final account of Aurelius S. Stevens as guardian, presented by Ellery C. Park, administrator of the estate of said Stevens.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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LESLIE D. BROWN, EVA M. BEAN, FRANCIS A. BEAN, ROCCO A. BROWN, living in different States and heirs of Charles S. Brown, late of Bethel, deceased, filed petition that Ellery C. Park of said Bethel, be licensed to sell and convey real estate belonging to said heirs.

OLIVE BLAKE, late of Gilead, deceased; petition for the appointment of Henry H. Hastings or some other suitable person as Administrator, presented by A. Judson Blake, son and heir.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscribers hereby give notice that they have been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of CLARK S. EDWARDS, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Herbert A. Edwards, Fred L. Edwards.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD:—
Bethel, Maine, June 16, 1903.
In conformity with the provisions of Sec. 129 of Chap. 47 of the revised Statutes as amended by Chap. 25 of the Public Laws of 1903, the following is published as a list of the executors and administrators of the Bethel Savings Bank elected at the annual meeting held by said Bank on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, A. D. 1903, and being within thirty days after such election:

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C. Blabie, B. W. Kimball, H. P. Wheeler,
N. F. Brown, C. C. Bowler,
Charles Mason, F. F. Bean, J. C. Billings,
H. H. Bean, C. C. Bryant, H. N. Upton,
E. C. Park, L. L. Lamy,
A. E. Herrick, W. B. Whit, Seth Walker.

ATTEST: A. E. HERRICK, Secretary.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Pursuant to a license from the Honorable Judge of Probate, for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at Public Auction, on the seventh day of July, A. D. 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises, all the right, title and interest, which William F. Hemingway, late of Upton, in said County of Oxford, had in and to the following named and described real estate, viz:—

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Dumbbell exercises and physical culture, excellent though they be, are not "in it" for the joy of seeing the growth of things that have been planted by one's own hand, says a New England exchange in urging the advantages of a home kitchen garden. Before the house is painted, the blinds put up or the furniture arranged and the draperies hung begin planning an asparagus bed. Once established, it will mostly care for itself and yield a hundredfold. All it requires is a yearly supply of rich dressing and a covering of leaf mold to give moisture to roots and prevent weeds from sprouting.

A careful statistician has estimated that in the value to be obtained from land the raising of asparagus exceeds all other vegetables and strawberries all other fruits. Of fruits and vegetables that give most satisfaction with least expenditure of labor probably a bed of asparagus and a row of currant bushes stand first, for, once established, they yield bountifully for years.

Working Specifications.

Never work the ground while it is so wet as to clog. Better wait a week for it to dry. When the soil is in right condition, after sowing the seeds press the earth firmly down upon them. Observe the same precaution in transplanting. Press the soil firmly about the roots, then water freely.

Another rule worth remembering is to weed your garden before the weeds appear. A little time spent stirring the ground with a small steel rake or pointed hoe will destroy thousands of underground rootlets. Nowhere does "a stitch in time" so surely "save nine."

All hardy vegetables should be sown by the middle or last of April. If delayed until the warm days in May, the crop is likely to be late and inferior. True, the air is still chilly, but "the marriage of earth and sky" has begun, and magnetic currents are at work, lifting the sap and swelling the buds.

The Choice of Fine Versus Coarse.
In a small garden it is better to forego the raising of the coarser vegetables, unless it be a few beets, parsnips and early potatoes, using the land for choicer varieties, some of which, such as lettuce, peas, sweet corn and perhaps cucumbers and celery, can be planted so as to give successional crops.

Early peas and lettuce should be sown by the latter part of March. Enough lettuce can be germinated in a small box in some sunny kitchen window. Transplant by the middle of April in rows from twelve to fifteen inches apart, with the plants seven or eight inches apart, using plenty of well rotted stable dressing and watering often and abundantly, thus forcing a rapid growth, which will soon produce large heads, exceedingly tender. A fresh box of seeds should be sown every six or eight weeks during summer that the table may be supplied until November, since light frosts do not affect strong plants.

Swiss chard, or sea kale, should find a place in every garden. The seed may be sown in May and transplanted in July two feet apart. These greens, when touched with frost, are the most tender and delicate of all the cabbage tribe. Cover the crowns during winter, and in the early spring blanch the first shoots by covering the same as celery is treated and cut for use before leafing.

Other Good Items.

Farsley is best grown in a large box near the house, where it can be conveniently watered and picked during the summer. In germinating remember that these little seeds can neither be hurried or coaxed. They sometimes lie dormant in their moist, sunny bed for six long weeks before a shoot appears.

Sweet corn can be planted about the middle of May and until July for successional crops.

Cauliflower, egg and tomato plants can best be obtained at the nursery and set out about the middle of May. A hundred celery plants can be bought for a cent apiece and set out in July. These, with a row of choice white lima pole beans, one or two hills of cucumbers and perhaps a few sweet herbs, will afford sufficient variety as well as the nourishment so craved by the appetite during the summer months.

The Hives.

Hive stands should not be less than six or eight inches high to keep them safe from toads. In the evening toads can be seen going about in the apiary seeking what they can find.

Setting hives level is a great preventive of ill formed sections. Putting starters in sections above and below will generally secure nice, well formed ones.

News and Notes.

In every section of the country this spring the cry is, "Don't touch the land with the plow until the ground is in proper condition!"

There is an increasing demand that the elements of agriculture be taught in the public schools.

The up to date farm motto is the old saying, "Culture is manure."

The forest should be considered as an actual field crop for which intelligent culture and handling are highly essential.

Alfalfa growers almost uniformly find it better to sow alfalfa alone. If any other crop is to be sown with it, that crop should be oats.

The Agricultural building of the St. Louis world's fair is to be 15 per cent larger than any other building of the exposition and will contain a floor space of almost twenty acres.

If you don't like work, keep out of the poultry business.

Billington's Sea.

Two or three miles back of Plymouth, Mass., is a modest little pond called Billington's sea. Billington, an adventurous pilgrim, had climbed a tree and, looking westward, had caught sight of the shimmering water. He looked at it with a wise surmise, and then the conviction flashed upon him that he had discovered the goal of hardy mariners—the great south sea. That was a great moment for Billington.

Of course the Spaniards were more fortunate in their geographical position. It turned out that it was the Pacific that they saw from their peak of Darien, while Billington's sea does not grow on acquaintance.

But my heart goes out to Billington. He also was a discoverer, according to his lights. He belonged to a hardy breed and could stare on new scenes with the best of them. It was not his fault that the Pacific was not there. If it had been, Billington would have discovered it. We know perfectly well that the Pacific ocean does not lave the shores of Plymouth county, and so we should not go out into the woods on a fine morning to look for it. There is where Billington had the advantage of us.—S. M. Crothers in Atlantic.

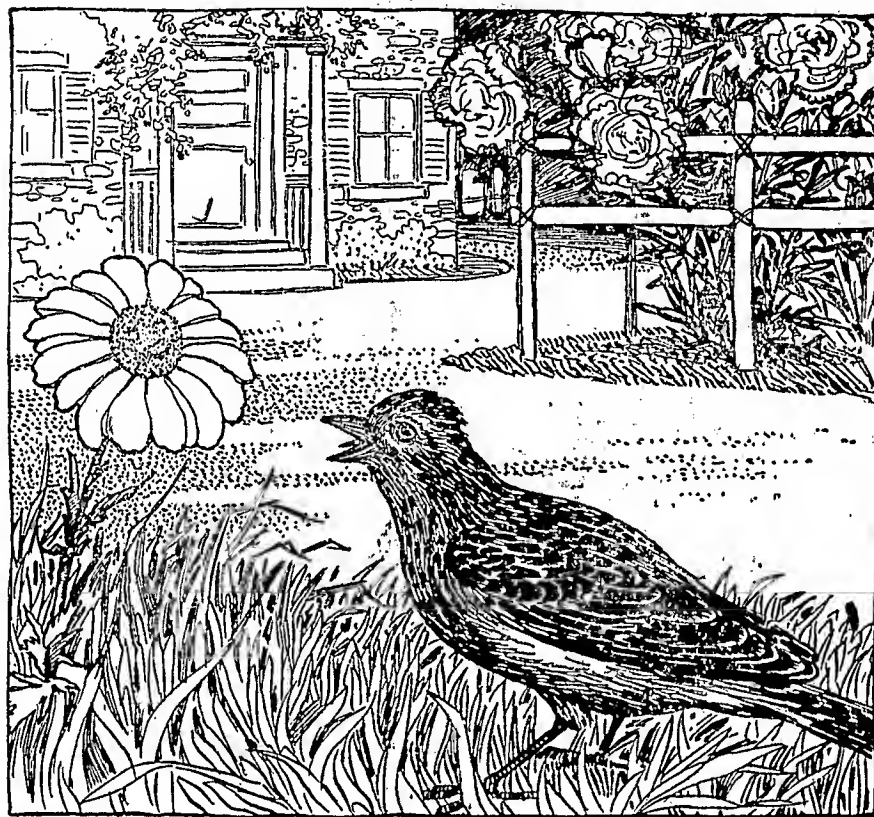
THE DAISY

A Fairy Tale

By HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

NOW listen. In the country close by the roadside stood a pleasant house. You have seen one like it no doubt very often. In front lay a little garden inclosed in palings and full of blooming flowers. Near the hedge in the soft green grass grew a little daisy. The sun shone as brightly and warmly upon her as upon the large and beautiful garden flowers, so the daisy grew from hour to hour. Every morning she unfolded her little white petals like shining rays round the little gold sun in the center of the flower. "She never thought of being unseen down in the grass or that she was only a poor, insignificant flower. She felt too happy to care for that, so she turned toward the warm sun, looked up to the blue sky and listened to the lark singing high in the air. One day the little flower was as joyful as if it had been a great holiday, and yet it was only Monday. All the children were at school, and while they sat on their forms learning their lessons she, on her little stem, learned also from the warm sun and from everything around her how good God is, and she was glad to hear the lark in his pleasant song express exactly her own feelings. And the daisy admired the happy bird who could warble so sweetly and fly so high. But she was not sorrowful from regret at her own inability to do the same. "I can see and hear," thought she. "The sun shines upon me, and the wind kisses me. What else do I need to make me happy?" Within the palings grew a number of garden flowers who appeared more proud and concealed in proportion

mournful and sad. Alas, he had good reason to be sad. He had been caught and made a prisoner in a cage. He hung close by the open window. He sung of the happy time when he could fly in the air joyous and free, of the young green corn in the fields from which he would spring higher and higher to sing his glorious song, and now he was a prisoner in a cage. The little daisy wished very much that she could help him. But what could she do? In her anxiety she forgot all the beautiful things around her—the warm sunshine and her own pretty shining white leaves. Alas, she could think of nothing but the captive bird and her own inability to help him. Two boys came into the garden. One of them carried a large, sharp knife in his hand like the one with which the girl had cut down the tulips. They went straight up to the little daisy, who could not think what they were going to do. "We can cut out a nice piece of turf for the lark here," said one of the boys, and he began to cut a square piece round the daisy so that she stood just in the center. "Pull up the flower," said the other boy, and the daisy trembled with fear, for to pluck it up would destroy its life, and it wished so much to live and to be taken to the captive lark in his cage on the piece of turf. "No, let it stay," said the boy, "it looks so pretty." So the daisy remained and was put with the turf in the lark's cage. The poor bird was complaining loudly about his lost freedom and beat his wings against the iron bars of his cage. The little daisy could not speak nor utter one word to console him or she would have



"WHAT A LOVELY LITTLE FLOWER!"

as they were scentless. The peonies considered it a grand thing to be so large and puffed themselves out to be larger than the roses. The tulips knew that they were marked with beautiful colors and held themselves bolt upright that they might be seen more plainly. They did not notice the little daisy outside, but she looked at them and thought: "How rich and beautiful they are! No wonder the pretty bird flies down to visit them. How glad I am that I grow so near them, that I may admire their beautiful appearance!" Just at this moment the lark flew down crying, "Tweet, tweet," but he did not go near the peonies and tulips. He hopped into the grass near the lowly daisy. She trembled for joy and hardly knew what to think. The little bird hopped round the daisy singing, "Oh, what sweet grass, and what a lovely little flower, with gold in its heart and silver on its dress!" For the yellow center in the daisy looked like gold, and the leaves around were glittering white like silver. How happy the little daisy felt no one can describe. The bird kissed it with its beak, sang to it and then flew up again into the blue air above. It was at least a quarter of an hour before the daisy could recover herself. Half ashamed, yet happy in herself, she glanced at the other flowers. They must have seen the honor she had received and would understand her delight and pleasure. But the tulips looked prouder than ever. Indeed they were evidently quite vexed about it. "And the peonies were quite disgusted, and could they have spoken the poor little daisy would have no doubt received a good scolding. She could see they were all out of temper, and it made her very sorry."

At this moment there came into the garden a girl with a large, sharp knife, which glittered in her hand. She went straight up to the tulips and cut down several of them. "Oh, dear!" sighed the daisy. "How shocking! It is all over with them now." The girl carried the tulips away, and the daisy felt very glad to grow outside in the grass and to be only a poor little flower. When the sun set, she folded up her leaves and went to sleep and dreamed the whole night long of the warm sun and the pretty little bird. The next morning when the flower joyfully stretched out its white leaves once more to the warm air, and the light she recognized the voice of the bird, but his song sounded

gladly done so. The whole morning passed in this manner.

"Here is no water," said the captive lark. "They are all gone out and have forgotten to give me a drop of water to drink. My throat is hot and dry. I feel as if I had fire and ice within me, and the air is so heavy. Alas, I must die! I must bid farewell to the warm sunshine, the fresh green and all the beautiful things which God has created." And then he thrust his beak into the cool turf to refresh himself a little with the fresh grass, and his eye fell on the daisy. Then the bird nodded to it and kissed it with his beak and said: "You also will wither here, you poor little flower. They have given you to me with the little patch of green grass on which you grow in exchange for the whole world which was mine out there. Each little blade of grass was to me as a great tree, and each of your white leaves a flower. Alas, you only show me how much I have lost!" "Oh, if I could only comfort him," thought the daisy. But she could not move a leaf. Yet the perfume from her leaves was stronger than the noise in these flowers, and the bird noticed it, and, though he was fainting with thirst and in his pain pulled up the green blades of grass, he did not touch the flower. The evening came, and yet no one appeared to bring the bird a drop of water. Then he stretched out his pretty wings and shook convulsively. He could only sing "Tweet, tweet," in a weak, mournful tone. His little head bent down toward the flower. The bird's heart was broken with want and pining. Then the flower could not fold its leaves as it had done the evening before to sleep, but it drooped sick and sorrowful toward the earth. Not till morning did the boys come, and when they found the bird dead they wept many and bitter tears. They dug a pretty grave for him and adorned it with leaves of flowers. The bird's lifeless body was placed in a smart red box, and he was buried with great honor. Poor bird! While he was alive and could sing they forgot him and allowed him to sit in his cage and suffer want. But now he was dead they mourned for him with many tears and buried him in royal state. But the turf with the daisy on it was thrown out into the dusty road. No one thought of the little flower which had felt more for the poor bird than any one else and would have been so glad to help him if she had been able.

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